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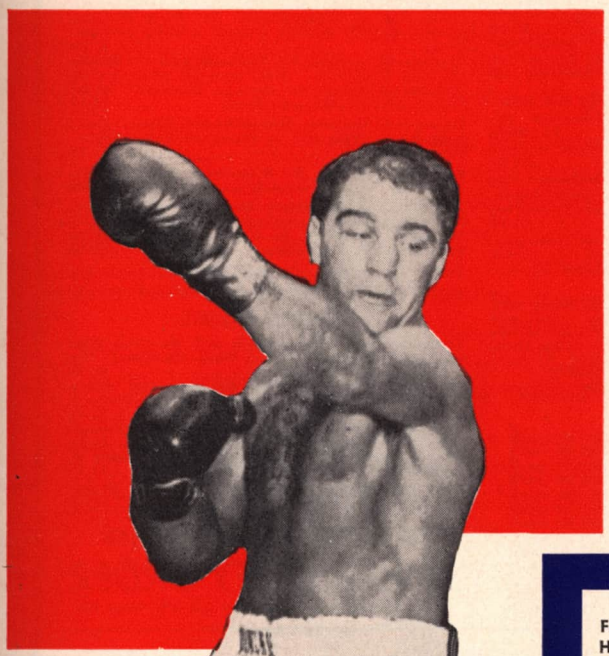

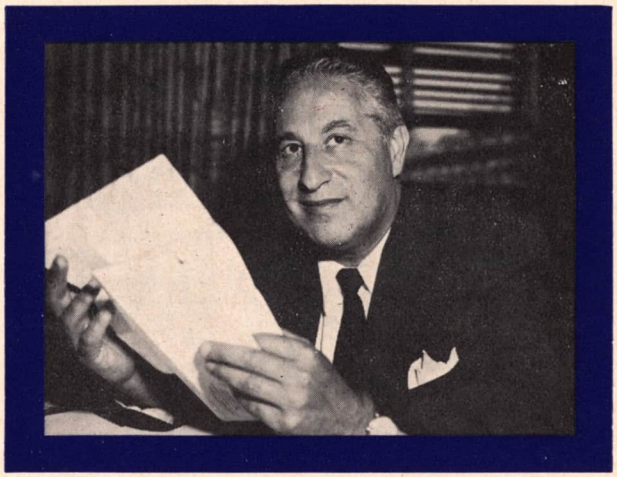

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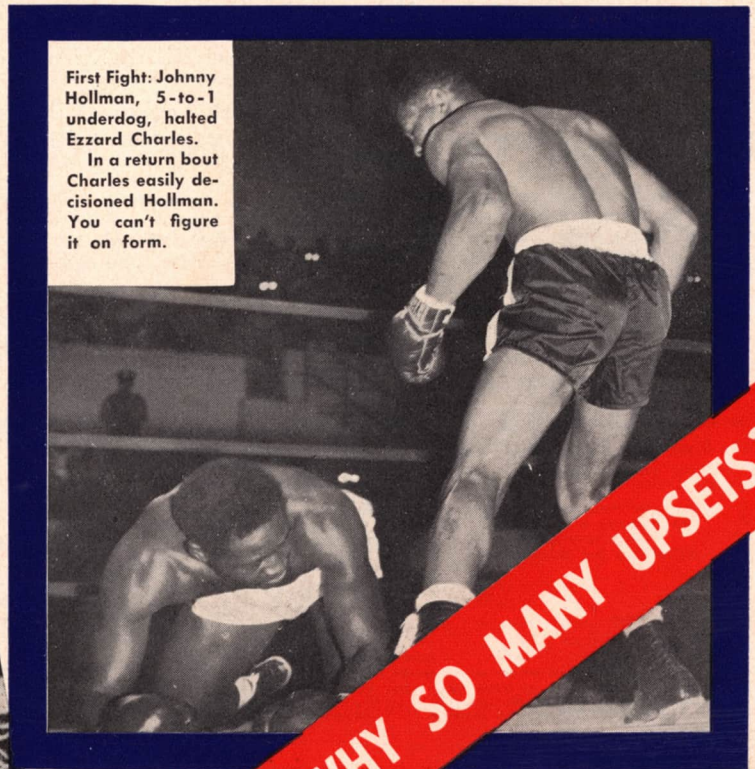

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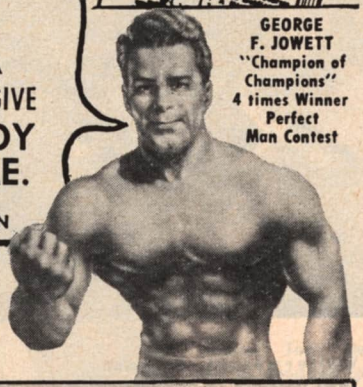

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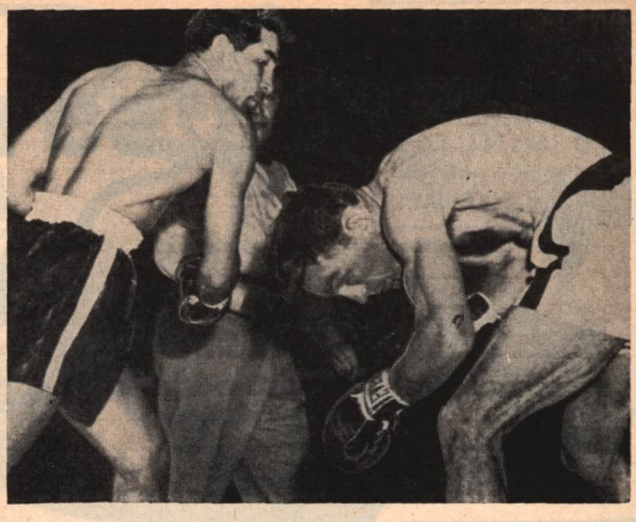

(Above) Hard rights such as these by Carmen Basilio brought the downfall of Tony DeMarco in an action-packed bout in War Memorial Stadium, Syracuse. (Right) Basilio weaves under a right thrown by DeMarco in the second round.

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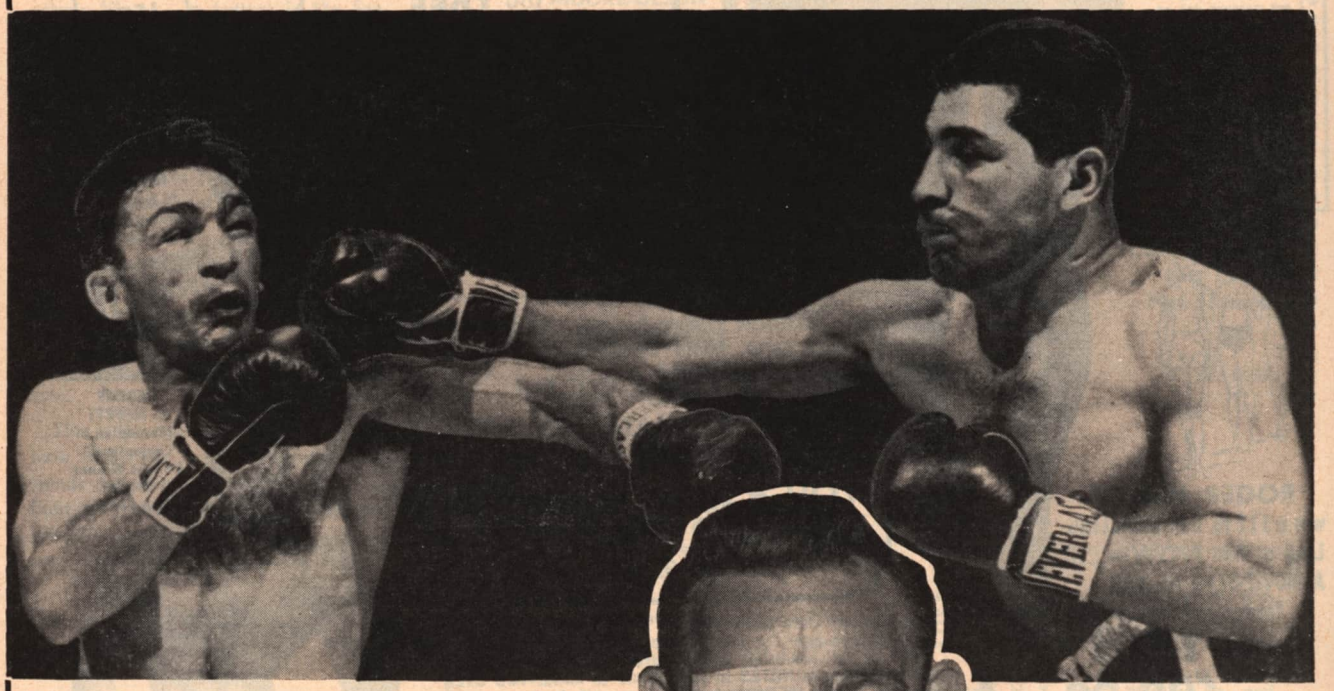
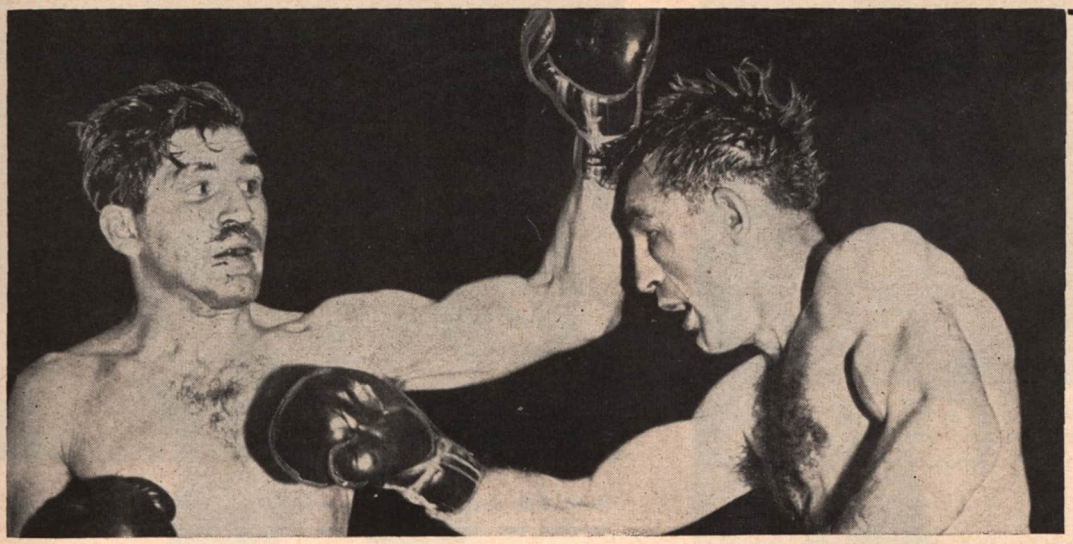


Welterweight champion Tony DeMarco (right) looked good in the early rounds as he blasted Basilio at long range. However, Basilio was superior at the infighting which set up DeMarco for the knockout. (Right) The new welterweight champion, Carmen Basilio, eats a hearty breakfast the morning after his rugged tussle with DeMarco.



Bloodied and battered Tony DeMarco (left) is helpless as Basilio sweeps in with a sharp right in the twelfth and what was to be the final round.

FROM . . . . . SYRACUSE

HOME - TOWN HERO ANGLE PAYS OFF RICHLY AS CARMEN TAKES WELTER TITLE FROM TONY DEMARCO

By NAT LOUBET

FAR too many return matches involving our ring titles are born not of close contests, but of arrangements which stem from contracts. However, every once in a while we do run into a fight which is so thrilling, and so satisfying, that it calls for a repeat performance.

One such keen and uproarious contest was that in which Carmen Basilio, of Syracuse, N. Y., wrested the welterweight championship from Tony De Marco, of Boston, in the War Memorial Auditorium in Syracuse on the night of Friday, June 10, before nearly 10,000 fans who packed the arena to suffocation.

Basilio, local favorite who for 20 months had waited for his shot at the title, scored a technical knockout in 1:52 of the twelfth round. Thus the De Marco tenure came to its end after only 70 days.

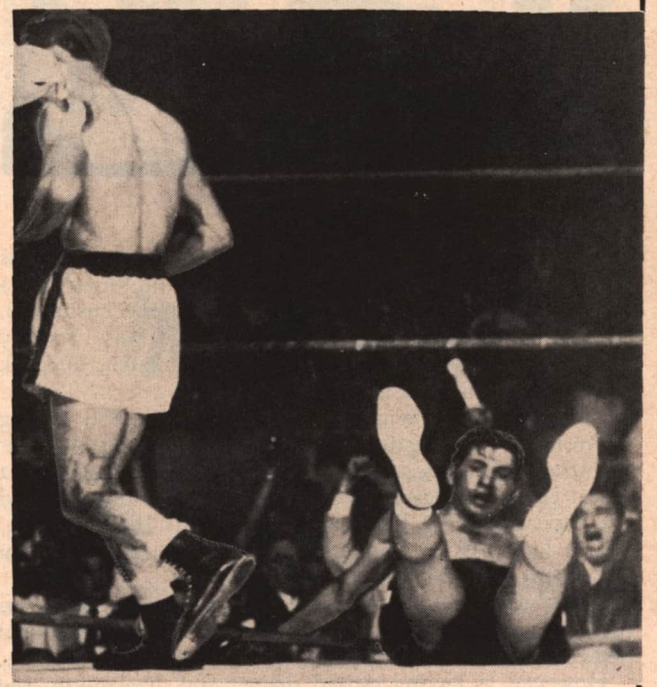
There was no question as to which fighter was the better man that night. Going into the twelfth round, Basilio had seven and De Marco four. But in those four, Basilio had taken quite a beating from his younger rival. Tony is 23, the new champion 28.

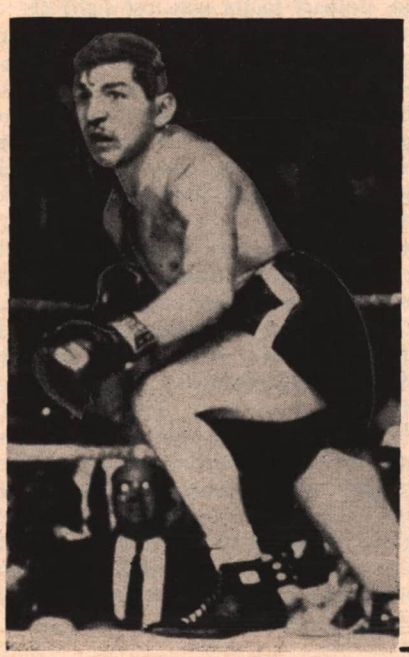
As a consequence, there is a call for another match, and the International Boxing Club, and Basilio, are quite ready to make it.

It looks very much as if there will be a return fight in Boston in September.

However, before that can be arranged, there will have to be some sort of disposition of an IBC promise to let Johnny Saxton, who lost the title to De Marco, get the next shot at it.

The IBC, and fight fans in general, would much prefer to see Basilio meet Tony again, and let Saxton sweat it





(Above) Tony DeMarco, dropped for the second time, in the tenth round was all but out as he got up (left) to resume the battle. He floundered about helplessly, with the bell coming to his rescue.

(Left) Still dazed and glassy-eyed, Tony DeMarco, after being knocked out, raises the gloved hand of the new welterweight champion, Carmen Basilio. (Above) A Family Affair. Basilio is flanked by his mother (left) and his wife in the ring following his victory.

out for a while longer. The way Saxton reacted to his victory, such as it was, over Kid Gavilan in Philadelphia did not recommend him very strongly to the customers. He said he fought to suit himself, not the fans. So why not let Basilio give De Marco a second match, and ask John to wait until it is over?

The fight in Syracuse, which attracted 9,170 paying enthusiasts, with a gate of $119,794, another $50,000 for the television rights, and $6,400 from 1,830 viewers of a closed circuit telecast at the nearby Fair Grounds, stressed one very vital thing for Jim Norris and his IBC.

Too long had the factor of the big local favorite been ignored by the IBC in its match making.

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However, as boxing moved deeper and deeper into the television era, this old, primary factor was lost sight of.

Basilio's fight with De Marco shot it to the fore more powerfully than ever, and dictated for Norris and his organization a different policy.

In pursuance of this policy, there should be a return fight, and it should go to De Marco's native Boston. Since there appears to be little chance at this time that the Red Sox will fight their way into a World Series, Fenway Park will be available for the title battle.

It should be more than just a fistic fillip to the next defense of the heavyweight championship by Rocky Marciano, in Yankee Stadium in September.

Boston still has great confidence in De Marco. It would pack the ball park to see Antonio seek revenge for the pelting he got from Carmen in Syracuse.

Basilio is a fine champion. Fine, as was De Marco,—good, upstanding character, great for the game in these days of poisoned oranges, investigations and talk about one Carbo.

Basilio is a fine fighter. Not one of the true masters of welterweight history, no Ray Robinson of his prime, no Kid McCoy, Matty Matthews, Jimmy McLarnin or Barney Ross.

But Carmen is a better boxer than he generally is given credit for being, a good hitter, a steady, consistent journeyman with a great left hook.

Perhaps Basilio's most formidable foe at this time is weight. This, of course, is nothing new in the welter class, which was created as a refuge for boxers growing out of the lightweight into the middleweight division.

True, Basilio was a pound and a half under the welter limit of 147 for De Marco, who weighed 144¼. But it will be recollected that when Carmen fought Gavilan, he had to melt off a pound at the eleventh hour, and this did him utterly no good.

Basilio is a former Marine, married to a comely gal named Kay. The new champion comes off an onion farm outside Syracuse, where his parents still are in business. He is one of four children.

De Marco, let it be noted, was the eleventh welter champion to lose his title in his first defense. No other leader in that class ever held the championship for so brief a period.

Basilio is a mild mannered hombre. But he might fool you. He has the killer instinct once he gets into the ring.

Watching Carmen play with a lot of kids in the Cerebral Palsy Clinic in Syracuse, a writer asked, "Do you feel sorry for an opponent when you see him bleeding and reeling?"

"Are you kiddin'?" Basilio exclaimed. "Sorry? Why, fighters aren't sorry. They feel that they have to cut the other guy down before he does the cutting down to them.

"They know that many a bleeding, reeling battler has come up with one from the floor, and turned defeat into victory. No, I am never sorry,—unless I am watching crippled kids like these palsy cases."

Some of our fight critics referred to the Basilio-De-Marco fight as a Pier One brawl. But nobody has aspersed the class of the entertainment, the eagerness of the contestants, the reaction of the crowd, including the millions who viewed the affair on TV, and the excitement of the 34 minutes 52 seconds of action in that Syracuse ring.

Basilio's chief weapon is that left hook. It was believed that if he did nail Tony, it would be with one of those punches. But, as it turned out, Carmen's right hand started De Marco down the skids.

A furious Basilio attack in the tenth round was Tony's undoing. Three right uppercuts put Tony down for seven. He got up and tried to fight his way of the trouble. But a

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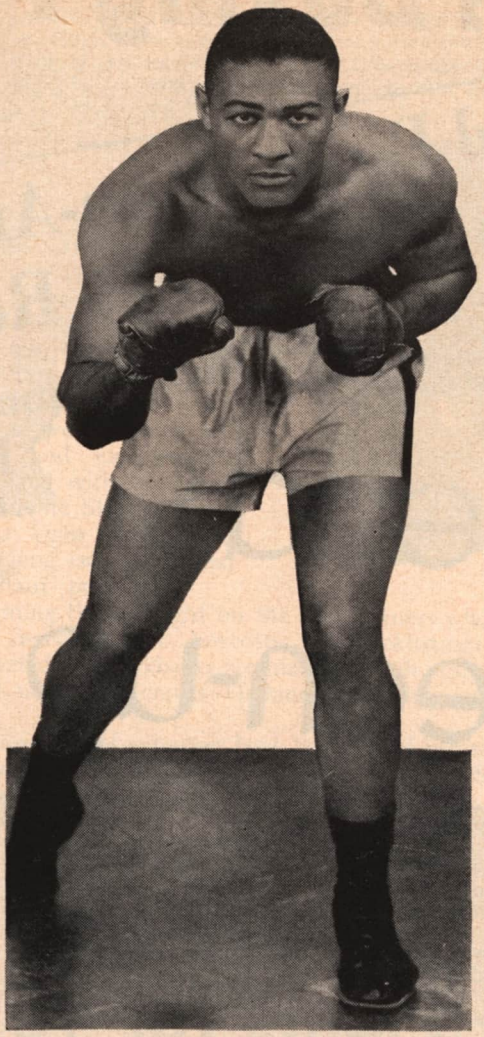

Bob Baker, the Pittsburgh heavyweight who is on a winning streak and is listed as the No. 2 contender for Rocky Marciano's title.

Early in 1954 Archie Moore (right), light heavyweight champion, scored a nine round kayo over Bob Baker and planted himself firmly as a title opponent for Marciano.

Who Next for Marciano?

IN the wake of Rocky Marciano's knockout victory over Don Cockell in the ninth round at San Francisco, quite a discussion has developed.

The big men threw eight ounce gloves at each other. That was in accordance with the California law.

Had they been fighting in Yankee Stadium, under New York regulations, they would have worn six ounce gloves.

Some of the cognoscenti have insisted that with six ounce gloves, Marciano would have stopped the Briton in the fourth or fifth round.

Others have insisted that the weight of the mitts had no bearing on the issue. Here are some of the comments from members of The Ring staff;—

Nat Fleischer:—I do not believe that the weight of the gloves had any vital relationship to the ultimate issue. When a fighter hits as hard as Rocky does, the two ounces involved would not handicap him very much. I believe that there would have been no appreciable difference had the contest been fought in New York.

Jersey Jones:—The matter of the eight-ounce gloves could not have affected the fight. When smaller men get together, let us say lightweights, the extra two ounces in glove weights would have to be considered important. But in a heavyweight bout like the Marciano-Cockell fight, the issue is not important.

Johnny Salak:—I am convinced that Marciano would have won in the precise second in which he ended the fight, even if he had worn ten-ounce gloves. No ifs, ands or "butts" about it.

Nat Loubet:—I imagine that Cockell found the impact of the eight ounce gloves sufficiently discouraging. After an eight ounce glove has been soaked in perspiration and water, it is just as deadly as a six ouncer.

Dan Daniel:—I am convinced that if Marciano had worn six ounce gloves, the end would have come a couple of rounds sooner. They fought with pillows. There is quite a difference in the hitting quotient between six and eight ounce gloves.

Meanwhile, what about Rocky's next opponent? Many names have been mentioned. The most likely choices appear to be Bob Baker, whose name hardly enthralls the fight fans, and Archie Moore.

It is interesting to go back to March 9, 1954, and Miami Beach. Baker was knocked out that night by Archie Moore in the ninth round.

On July 1, 1953, Baker was belted out in one heat by Bob Satterfield.

Of course, there is no telling what the Baker who was stopped in 1953 and 1954 might do in 1955, if given the shot at Marciano in Yankee Stadium in September.

We must remember that Cockell was knocked out by Jimmy Slade in four rounds in December 1951, and was stopped by Randy Turpin in the eleventh heat in June 1952. Yet Don stood up to Rocky for nine rounds, and made quite a fight of it.

Baker was born in October 1926, at Canonsburg, Pa., so that he is approaching his twenty ninth birthday. He was the Golden Gloves heavyweight champion in 1949, and that same year turned pro.

How do Baker and Moore figure in the picture? Well, it's this way. If the public reaction to Baker's fights with

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Helfand heads boxing clean-up

Helfand May Widen Boxing Prob

Pennsylvania May Ban Boxing Pending Probe of Weird KO

Helfand Blasts 'Run-Around' Vows to Get Guild's Record

Governor Suspends All Pennsylvania Fights for 90 Days

Helfand, Commission Chairman, Sets Down Pair for 'Acts Detrimental to Boxing'—Ketchum Is Questioned

Los Angeles Welcomes State Ring Probe

New Broom Helfand Digs Into Martinez Rhubarb With Daly

Helfand Pushes Carbo & Co. Prob

by JOHNNY SALAK

UNDER a torrent of suspicion and abuse, boxing in three major states, New York, Pennsylvania and California, is striking back with campaigns that, if followed through, can mean well for the sport.

If, however, they are allowed to fade to an inconclusive end—because their "publicity value" is no longer needed or because of certain pressures—as has happened before with such investigations—irreparable harm and possible permanent outlawing of the sport can befall boxing.

These probes must continue—every decent and fair-minded person in the game wants them—and be pushed, and a weeding-out of undesirable influences and undesirable practices be instigated. Boxing stands at a crossroads—a fevered crisis in it's turbulent career—and must become well again or, remaining contaminated, be shunned by all sensible people like the plague.

Julius Helfand, (second from left) chairman of the New York State Commission, meets with other commission chairmen to iron out boxing problems. They are (L. to R.) Joe Walker of New Jersey; Dinny McMahon, of Connecticut; and Jim Crowley of Pennsylvania.

With Governor Averell Harriman solidly behind him, Julius Helfand, one-time rackets-buster and now chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, is hammering away at every possible unsavory and sordid angle connected with boxing in the Empire State, exhibiting a vigor and strong hand long lacking in that important post.

Turning the spotlight on the dark corners where undercover managers lurk, boycotts and blacklistings are consummated and kickbacks are made and—oh yes, the spider called monopoly crawls—Helfand is kicking up a lot of dust.

A long line of witnesses have been called before Helfand in the offices of the commission on West 46th Street and to the same question, be they big or small fry, all have answered to having little more than a nodding acquaintance with Frankie Carbo, notorious alleged underworld controlling interest in boxing, this despite his obvious connection with and deep interest in the game for almost a quarter of a century.

As yet, we feel, Helfand has not signaled the big guns he has hidden into action though he has them trained "on the enemy." The few skirmishes so far have resulted in victory-in-name-only, with Managerless Vince Martinez, who split with mentor Bill Daly and though the No. 3 welterweight contender was unable to obtain any matches thanks to the powers-that-be, after all the fuss-and-bother, finding himself welcomed with open arms (well, maybe not that enthusiastically) and pushed (don't shove, please) into a television date with Chico Varona on June 24 at Syracuse.

Helfand, armed with the material his own investigators have uncovered and the grand jury minutes released by Frank Hogan, appears to be pulling no punches.

Soon after he was appointed chairman of the New York Commission, Helfand made an address at the Boxing Writers' Annual Dinner and said he would not feel he had accomplished much in his new job if the best he could do was to bring about the abolition of boxing in the state of New York. It was a sincere and honest speech by a man who was stepping lightly on a subject he still admittedly had much to learn about.

However, since that time Helfand has learned fast and learned well and seems to know, better than most, what he is up against.

As he has stated, he will not relish closing up boxing in New York, but it seems that unless he can erase some of the collusion and corrosion he will not hesitate to do just that.

Harold Johnson, slugged and drugged, is questioned by Pennsylvania Commissioner Alfred M. Klein in hospital several days after his bout with Julio Mederos.

►**In California**, early in March, Governor Goodwin J. Knight launched a full-scale investigation into asserted entrance of "mobsters and gangsters" into control of boxing in his state.

This came soon after Tony Entenza, chairman of the State Athletic Commission, had been "intimidated" and threatened with bodily harm if he did not change some of his decisioning relating to fight activities. At the same time Knight reappointed Entenza to a four-year term.

Smack in the face of this came several bouts in California, two of which were televised on a national network, which came under the heading of "needing further study and investigation." How much—or how little—either way can be proved regarding those bouts or the general state of affairs in California boxing remains a moot question. That some effort is being made in the right direction is encouraging and it is hoped that the probe will take heart from the similar ones taking place in New York and Pennsylvania. In matters such as these, it seems, even crusaders feel better if they do not stand alone. In numbers (not the policy kind) there is a certain sense of safety and a willingness to move more boldly.

It is quite possible—and it is even hoped if it deserves it—that boxing in California will be given a clean bill of health. If there is something wrong with or in the sport let it be brought out into the open and something done about it. If all is well, let that also be known, stifling the growing number of rumors that grow and get fat and ugly in the face of unproved and, at times, unwarranted, suspicions.

One of the most ruthless and bestial displays of greed and avarice, a revolting insight into the minds of

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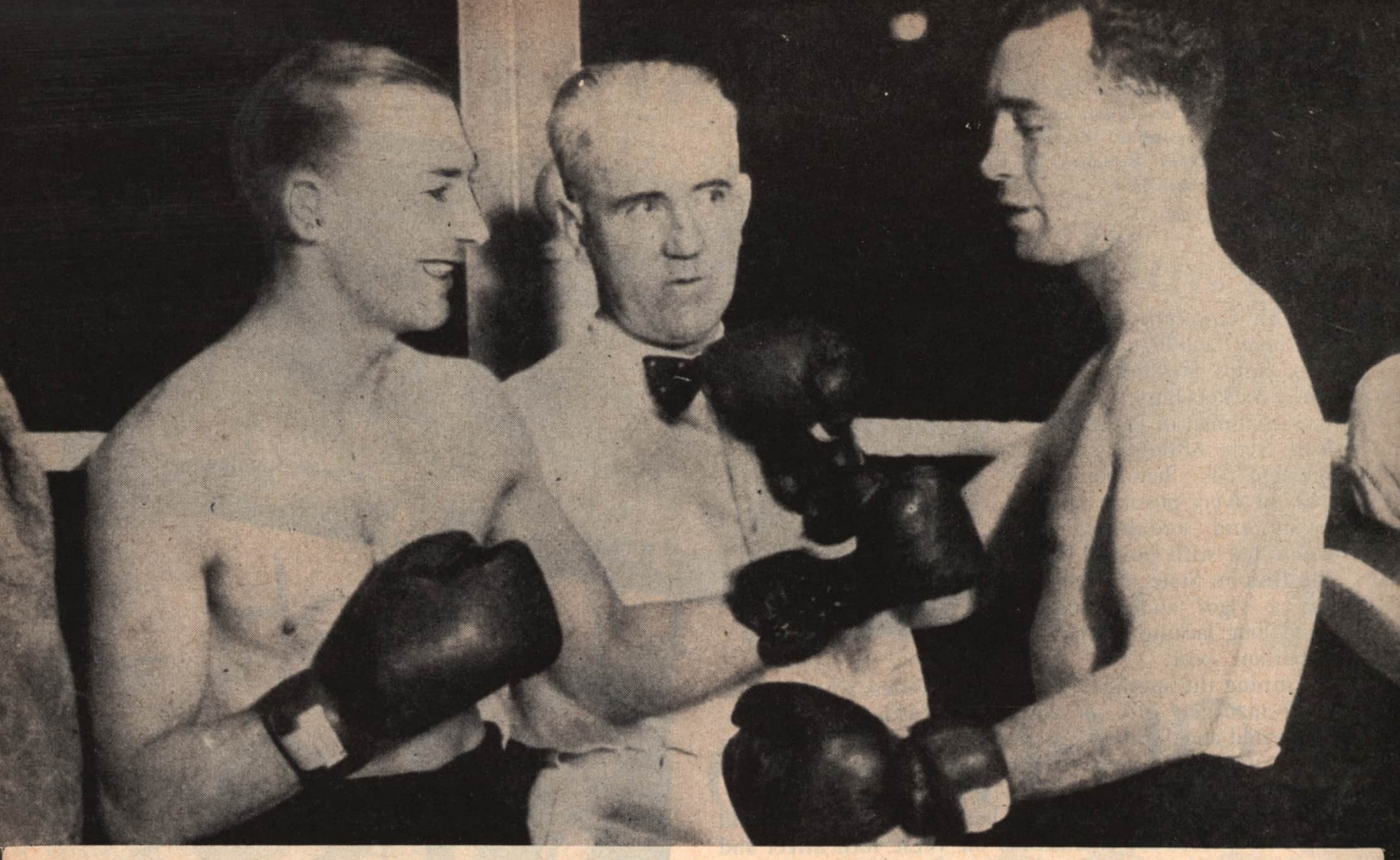

One of most brilliant lightweight champions of all time, Benny Leonard (left) had welterweight title wrapped up and all but delivered when, in thirteenth round, he dropped Jack Britton, then reached behind Referee Patsy Haley, hit Britton while he was down, and promptly lost on disqualification.

What Price Size?

By JERSEY JONES

A CHAMPION in one division aiming for top honors in a heavier class is not unusual in this rugged trade. There is nothing unique in a Carl (Bobo) Olson stepping out of his own middleweight ranks to challenge an Archie Moore for the latter's light-heavyweight title—and Moore, in turn, howling for a crack at a Rocky Marciano and the heavyweight championship.

Things of this sort have been going on since the establishment of weight divisions in ring competition.

An old moss-covered adage tells us that "a good *big* man can always beat a good *little* man." But just what is meant by "good"? It's a flexible word, and not always reliable when used in comparing ring rivals. A fighter may be rated "good" against certain types of opposition and something less against others. Styles play an important role in any bout and differences in size not always are decisive factors. If two rivals appear evenly matched in general talents, then weight and strength can count heavily in the ultimate result. But seldom are the contestants so equally paired in speed, skill, ruggedness, hitting power and ring generalship that poundage and its attendant physical advantages determine the outcome. One fighter usually has a pronounced edge in some vital department other than weight.

As a matter of fact, there are times when avoirdupois can be a handicap rather than a help to a ringster. As a rule, the beefier a man is, the slower he is, and often enough his weight advantage is offset by his lighter opponent's speed.

If you'll check back through ring records you'll come up with some interesting developments in historic meet-

ings of "big" and "little" rivals; you learn that the "little" guys have won as often as they've lost in their arguments with heavier foes.

In a recent contribution to The Ring's colorful series on "Fights I'll Never Forget," the venerable Joe Woodman reminisced on the savage brawl between the original Joe Walcott and lightweight champion George (Kid) Lavigne in Maspeth, Long Island, in 1895. Walcott hadn't yet become welterweight title-holder, but he was rated one of the most formidable fighting machines in his division, and it seemed like suicide for the lighter Lavigne to take him on. The articles of agreement called for Walcott to knock the Kid out or lose the decision. As it happened, Joe not only failed to stop Lavigne but he was outgamed and beaten legitimately.

The "little" challenger did all right in 1897 when Bob Fitzsimmons, then middleweight champion, also became heavyweight title-holder by flattening Jim Corbett in Carson City, Nev.

Terry McGovern, as ruler of the featherweight roost, polished off the lightweight king, Frank Erne, in the third round of a non-title affair at the old Broadway Athletic Club, New York, in 1900. Erne's laurels were not at stake, however, since Frank agreed to "make" a special weight for his lighter rival, and he weakened himself doing it.

Johnny Buff was American flyweight champion when he wrestled the world bantam title from Pete Herman in Madison Square Garden in 1921.

A strange ending deprived lightweight champion Benny Leonard from also collecting the welterweight laurels in 1922. After dropping the veteran Jack Britton in the 13th round at the New York Velodrome, Leonard suddenly reached behind Referee Patsy Haley, hit Britton while he was down, and drew prompt disqualification.

Henry Armstrong was featherweight champion when he skipped all the way up to the welterweight class in 1939 to take the title away from Barney Ross at the Long Island Bowl.

Shifting to the other side of the discussion, the "little" guys have met up with some disastrous experiences in their ambitious bids for laurels in heavier divisions.

One of the most reckless gambles of all time was when middleweight champion Stanley Ketchel spotted nearly fifty pounds in weight, along with plenty of height and reach, to Jack Johnson in California in 1909. Ketchel was entirely too small for Johnson, but before he was knocked out in the twelfth round he had the satisfaction of flooring his powerful rival.

Light-heavy champions, pointing for heavyweight honors, have had some rough

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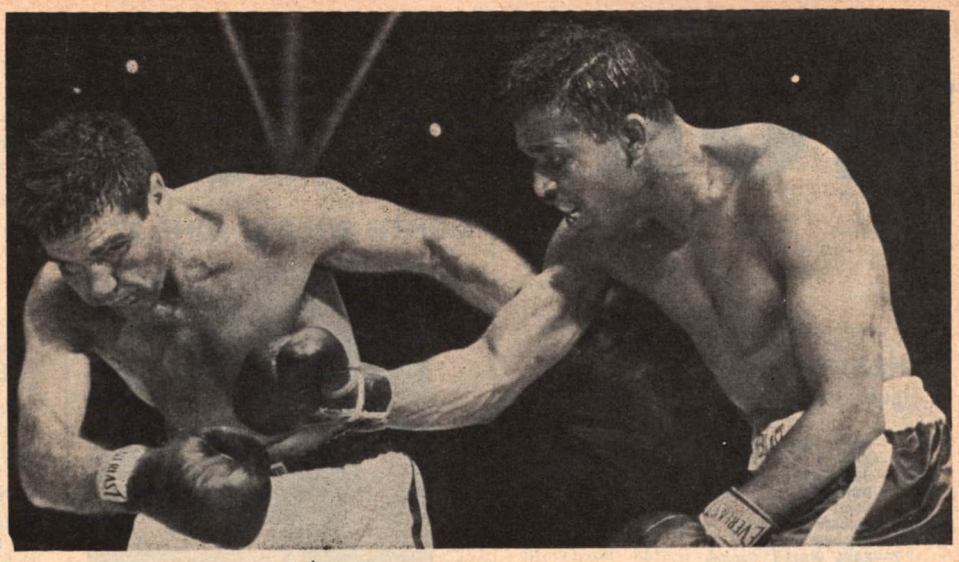
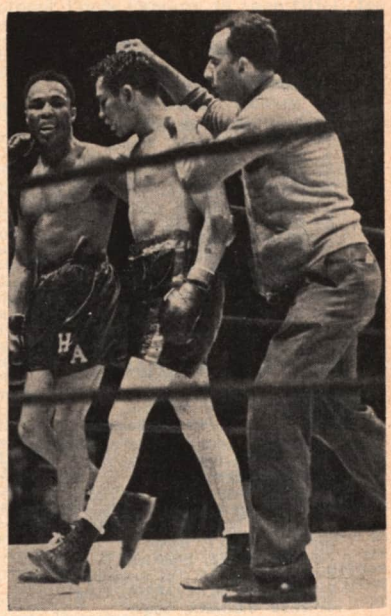
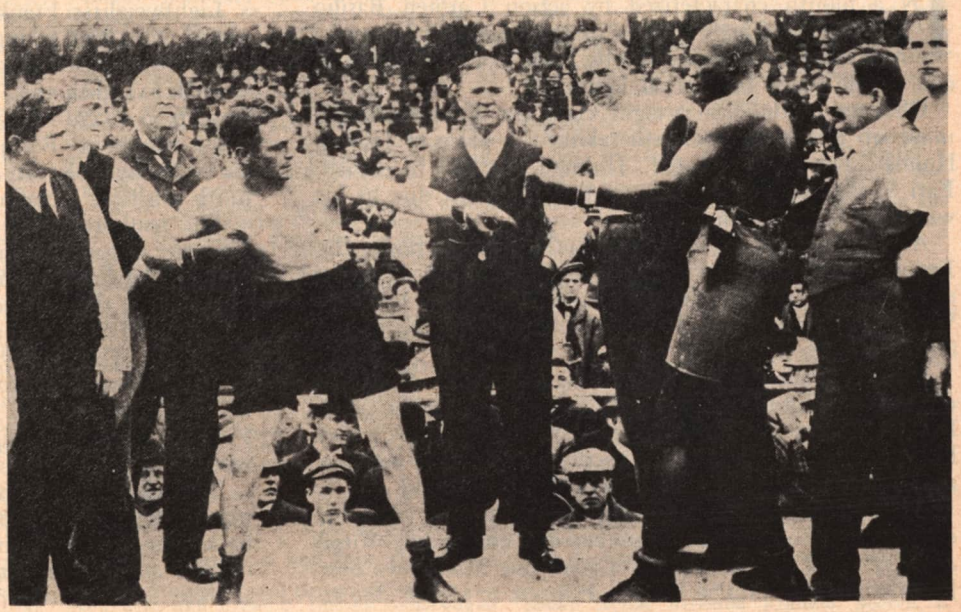


Ray Robinson (right) seemed well on his way to adding light-heavyweight title to his middleweight laurels when he was overhauled by intense heat and Joey Maxim's durability. Ray collapsed with only two rounds to go.



Henry Armstrong escorts Barney Ross to his corner after relieving him of welterweight title. Armstrong was featherweight champion when he jumped two classes to meet Ross.

One of most reckless gambles was when middleweight champion Stanley Ketchell became over-ambitious and spotted height, reach and nearly 50 pounds to heavyweight king Jack Johnson.



By NAT FLEISCHER

WORLD RATINGS

(FOR MONTH ENDING JUNE 22, 1955)

HEAVYWEIGHTS

(over 175 pounds)

World Champion

ROCKY MARCIANO, Brockton, Mass.

1—**ARCHIE MOORE,** San Diego, Calif.
2—**BOB BAKER,** Pittsburgh, Pa.
3—**DON COCKELL,** England
4—**NINO VALDES,** Cuba
5—**TOMMY JACKSON,** Far Rockaway, N. Y.
6—**EZZARD CHARLES,** Cincinnati, O.
7—**EARL WALLS,** Canada
8—**JOHN HOLMAN,** Chicago, Ill.
9—**REX LAYNE,** Lewiston, Utah
10—**HEINZ NEUHAUS,** Germany

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

(not over 175 pounds)

World Champion

ARCHIE MOORE, San Diego, Calif.

1—**HAROLD JOHNSON,** Philadelphia, Pa.
2—**FLOYD PATTERSON,** Brooklyn, N. Y.
3—**JOEY MAXIM,** Cleveland, O.
4—**YOLANDE POMPEY,** Trinidad, BWI
5—**GERHARD HECHT,** Germany
6—**PAUL ANDREWS,** Buffalo, N. Y.
7—**RANDY TURPIN,** England
8—**WILLI HOEPNER,** Germany
9—**BOB SATTERFIELD,** Chicago, Ill.
10—**DAVE WHITLOCK,** San Francisco, Calif.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

(not over 160 pounds)

World Champion

CARL (BOBO) OLSON, Honolulu, T. H.

1—**CHARLEY HUMEZ,** France
2—**ROCKY CASTELLANI,** Cleveland, O.
3—**JOEY GIARDELLO,** Philadelphia, Pa.
4—**HOLLY MIMS,** Washington, D. C.
5—**GUSTAV SCHOLZ,** Germany
6—**EDUARDO LAUSSE,** Argentina
7—**BOBBY DYKES,** Miami, Fla.
8—**GENE FULLMER,** West Jordan, Utah
9—**GIL TURNER,** Philadelphia, Pa.
10—**PAT McATEER,** Birkenhead, England

WELTERWEIGHTS

(not over 147 pounds)

World Champion

CARMEN BASILIO, Syracuse, N. Y.

1—**TONY DeMARCO,** Boston, Mass.
2—**JOHNNY SAXTON,** Brooklyn, N. Y.
3—**RAMON FUENTES,** Los Angeles, Calif.
4—**VINCE MARTINEZ,** Paterson, N. J.
5—**VIRGIL AKINS,** St. Louis, Mo.
6—**DEL FLANAGAN,** St. Paul, Minn.
7—**HECTOR CONSTANCE,** Trinidad, BWI.
8—**MAURICE HARPER,** Oakland, Calif.
9—**CHICO VEJAR,** Stamford, Conn.
10—**KID GAVILAN,** Cuba

LIGHTWEIGHTS

(not over 135 pounds)

World Champion

JAMES CARTER, New York, N. Y.

1—**RALPH DUPAS,** New Orleans, La.
2—**FRANKIE RYFF,** New York, N. Y.
3—**DUILIO LOI,** Italy
4—**WALLACE (BUD) SMITH,** Cincinnati, O.
5—**ORLANDO ZULUETA,** Cuba
6—**JOHNNY GONZALVES,** Oakland, Calif.
7—**JOE LOPES,** Sacramento, Calif.
8—**PADDY DeMARCO,** Brooklyn, N. Y.
9—**KENNY LANE,** Muskegon, Mich.
10—**SERAFIN FERRER,** France

FEATHERWEIGHTS

(not over 126 pounds)

World Champion

SANDY SADDLER, New York, N. Y.

1—**RAY FAMECHON,** France
2—**CIRO MORASEN,** Cuba
3—**TEDDY DAVIS,** Hartford, Conn.
4—**CARMELO COSTA,** Brooklyn, N. Y.
5—**HOGAN (KID) BASSEY,** Nigeria
6—**BILLY KELLY,** Ireland
7—**LULU PEREZ,** Brooklyn, N. Y.
8—**RUDY GARCIA,** Los Angeles, Calif.
9—**ORLANDO ECHEVARRIA,** Cuba
10—**FRED GALIANA,** Spain

BANTAMWEIGHTS

(not over 118 pounds)

World Champion

ROBERT COHEN, France

1—**MARIO D'AGATA,** Italy
2—**WILLIE TOWEEL,** South Africa
3—**HILAIRE PRATESI,** France
4—**RATON MACIAS,** Mexico
5—**ANDRE VALIGNAT,** France
6—**BILLY PEACOCK,** Los Angeles, Calif.
7—**EMILE CHEMAMA,** France
8—**PIERRE COSSEMYNS,** Belgium
9—**CHAMRERN SONGKITRAT,** Thailand
10—**PETER KEENAN,** Scotland

FLYWEIGHTS

(not over 112 pounds)

World Champion

PASCUAL PEREZ, Argentina

1—**DAI DOWER,** Wales
2—**LEO ESPINOSA,** Philippines
3—**NAZZARENO GIANELLI,** Italy
4—**JAKE TULI,** South Africa
5—**HITOSHI MISAKO,** Japan
6—**OSCAR SUAREZ,** Cuba
7—**TANNY CAMPO,** Philippines
8—**YOSHIO SHIRAI,** Japan
9—**DANNY KID,** Philippines
10—**MEMO DIEZ,** Mexico

CARMEN BASILIO, Fighter of the Month

IN a month characterized by action Carmen Basilio became the Ring's Fighter of the Month by his winning of the welterweight title from Tony DeMarco in one of the year's top action fights.

Changes in the heavyweight class saw Ezzard Charles move up to six from seventh taking the place of Johnny Holman whom he defeated. Holman dropped to eighth. Earl Walls moved up from eighth to seventh due to his win over Bill Gilliam.

Among the light heavyweights Gerhard Hecht rewon the European title and moved up from eight to five changing places with Willi Hoepner. Eddie Cotton upset by Dave Whitlock dropped out of the ratings as Whitlock moves into the tenth slot.

Big news among the middleweights is Joey Giardello dropping to third from first due to inactivity and the possibility that he may not fight for a long time. Charley Humez, of France moved up to the number one position and Rocky Castellani jumped from third to second.

Carmen Basilio and Tony DeMarco changed places as champ of the welters and number one contender. Virgil Akins climbed a notch into fifth place due to his kayo over Joe Miceli and Maurice Harper dropped to eighth due to inactivity. Del Flanagan by virtue of his victory over middleweight Al Andrews moves up from eighth to six.

Lightweights: Frankie Ryff and Duilio Loi switched places with Ryff taking second place and Loi dropped to third, Paddy DeMarco slid further down the trail from seventh to eighth and Joe Lopes climbed from tenth all the way up to seventh by his good win over Sandy Saddler in a non title bout. Richie Howard falls out of the magic circle by losing to Kenny Lane, who cracks the select making ninth position. Serafin Ferrer drops to tenth.

The featherweights lost Percy Bassett who has retired from the ring wars. Ray Famechon, retained his European crown by defeating British Empire champ Billy Kelly and also became the number one in his class. Carmelo Costa, decisioned Lulu Perez and moved up the ladder from sixth to fourth. Teddy Davis climbed from four to three and Billy Kelly moved into the sixth slot from eighth. Rudy Garcia moved up one notch as does Orlando Echevarria. Fred Galiana of Spain, with ten kayoes this year, moved into the tenth slot.

In the bantams Pierre Cossemyns stopped by Emile Chemama dropped from fourth to eighth and Chemama came back into the ratings in seventh. Andre Valignat remains in fifth and Hilaire Pratesi climbs from seventh to fifth. Chamrern Songkitrat drops from sixth to ninth.

and Bobby Sinn due to inactivity loses his hold in the ratings.

Flyweight Yoshio Shirai knocked out by Pascual Perez, dropped from third to eighth for this month pending retirement or activity. Nazzareno Gianelli moves into the coveted third spot.

Following are the month's results.

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Earl Walls outfought Bill Gilliam, 10. Ezzard Charles gained revenge by outpointing Johnny Holman, 10. Jack Gardner halted Johnny Williams, 5. Italian Champion Franco Cavicchi posted his 11th and 12th victories of the year by polishing off Emile DeGreef 2, and Robert Eugene, 5.

Johnny Summerlin defeated Yg. Jack Johnson, 10. Joe Lindsay bested Bert Whitehurst, 10. Harold Carter whipped Wayne Bethea, 8. Johnny Arthur defeated Bob Dunlap, 10.

Alec Brown upset Coley Wallace, 10. Zora Folley kayoed Howard King, 1, Howard then floored Hans Friedrich 14 times in winning a ten rounder. Antonio Croscia whipped Gianbattista Alfonsetti, 8. Buddy Turman stopped Leroy Failes, 4.

Yg. Harry Wills kayoed Fred Taylor, 6. Bobby Spaeth decisioned Ted Lowry, 10. Bob Albright whipped Keene Simmons, 6, and drew with Pat McMurtry, 8.

Benny Thomas defeated John Gray, 8. Toxie Hall decisioned John Harding, 6. Sonny Liston stopped Calvin Butler, 2. Dale Hall kayoed Gene Thompson, 3.

Vince Donnelly kayoed Hurrican Wells, 1. Red Worley beat Sports Harvey, 10, Harvey also lost to Roy Harris, 6. Feranado Fala whipped Lou Benson, 8. Amos Lincoln kayoed Gus Bruno, 1.

Harley Breshears kayoed Cordell Jones, 6 and Reuben Smith, 4. Ron Harmon stopped Bill Mathis, 1. Mike DeJohn beat Moses Graham, 6. Rocky Gatlin drew with Dave Bondulich, 8. Jesse Brown stopped Angel Martinez, 5.

Johnny Hoye stopped Andy Henry, 5, and Richie Norden, 6, also beat Jimmy Walls, 10. Reuben Vargas halted Rocky Burton, 1, but lost to Roger Rischer, 8. Leo Johnson whipped Dan Vanderford, 8. Johnny Orgen beat Jimmy Walls, 6.

Raul Flores kayoed Joe Louis III, 3. Walter Robinson kayoed Jimmy Jackson, 1. Eddie Machen halted Clarence Williams, 3. Don Jasper kayoed Eddie Lee Walker, 3.

Ken Hammer outscored Benny Thomas, 8. Bob Woodall kayoed Morrie McNeil, 1. Howie Turner defeated Moses Graham, 6.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Gerhard Hecht rewon the European title by stopping Willi Hoepner, 13. Willi previviously had stopped Ray Schmidt, 5. Yolande Pompey kayoed Italian Champion Ivano Fontana, 6. Dave Whitlock upset Eddie Cotton, 10.

Paddy Young outfought Billy McNeece, 10. Bob Biehler kayoed Sammy Jackson, 2. Ron Barton won on a foul from Yvon Durelle, 3, and stopped Mel Brown, 6. Herbie Moore kayoed Felix Antonio, 2.

Austin Jones defeated Arthur Howard, 8. Wim Snoek stopped Serge Barthelemy, 9. Claude Chapman kayoed Roger Wiley, 4. Lorenzo Rocci flattened Willy Schagen, 2, but was stopped by Ivano Fontana, 12.

Clint Bacon whipped Lonnie Malone, 6. Chuck Speiser kayoed Andy Mayfield, 8. Henry Taylor whipped Tiger McHenry, 6. John Riggins whipped Bill Hunter, 6.

Eddie DeMars beat Said Khalfa, 6. Warnell Lester drew with Jimmy Robinson, 6. Zeke Robinson and Sonny Ray drew, 6.

Jackie King stopped Bill Clemmons, 2. Uwe Janssen whipped Karl Ameisbichler, 8. Frank Perry beat Dave Mahon, 6.

Yvon Durelle kayoed Jimmy Garcia, 8. Johnny Jenkins kayoed Sammy Jackson, 3. Bobby Lane defeated Dave Bondulich, 8.

Al Anderson whipped Freddy Mack, 6. Willie Hunter halted Elmo Smith, 5. Frankie Bolla drew with Rodolfe Kreuser, 6.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Holly Mims outboxed Charlie Green, 10. Gustav Scholz beat Tuzo Portuguez, 10. Hans Stretz drew with Peter Muller, 10. Rafael Merentino kayoed Hardy Smallwood, 2. Gil Turner drew with welterweight Ramon Fuentes, 10.

Al Andrews lost to welterweight Del Flanagan, 10, but beat Duke Harris, 10. Stan Jones kayoed Howell Steen, 5. Willie Vaughn stopped Garth Panter, 6.

Bobby Boyd whipped Sonny Binn, 8. Terry Moore whipped Joe Shaw, 8. Eddie Smith beat Bobby Moore, 10. Tombstone Smith won over Sonny Gill, 10.

Ahmed Boulgroune outslugged Gaston Meulenbrounck, 10. Pete Servin stopped Govan Small, 10. Don Johnson won for fourth time from Pran Mikus, 12. Don Jose beat Joe Cardenas, 10, and drew with Woody Winslow, 8. Gino Rossi edged out Georges Norel, 8. Jorge Castro beat Choforo Martinez, 10. Neal Rivers kayoed Bones Davis, 7.

Bob Ross kayoed Hank Davis, 6. Cobey McCluskey kayoed Willie Pollard, 3. Gordon Wallace bested Henry Hank, 6. Kev Clues outfought Joe Damiani, 12.

Gene Linscott outpointed Jimmy Perrault, 6. Gene Herson drew with Burke Emery, 8. Lloyd Triplett won from George Boddie, 8. Willie Stevens beat Mickey Rhodes, 10.

Leffiie Walker beat Larry Boaz, 6. Dick Lane beat Tiger Jackson, 8, and kayoed Little Poppa Brown, 4. Baby Day was too experienced for Andre Oueille, 10. Leroy Cooper defeated Eddie Sims, 6. Gino Menozzi outpointed Roger Atlan, 10.

Amen Pack outscored Kid Gavilan II, 6. Tony Pelino beat Tony Renteria, 6. Marcel Piau stopped Bobby Robinson, 6.

Chebo Hernandez bested Norris Burse, 10, but lost to Sonny Gill, 10. John Houston stopped Jaycee Johnson, 6. Bob Gustin beat Ed Beaty, 6. Candy Mack beat Pedro Jiminez, 6. Tino Longoria beat Robert Martinez, 6, and Tommy Barron, 6.

Willard Henry won from Louis Ortiz, 3. Tony Masciarelli defeated John Victor Penn, 6, but was halted by Norris Burse, 7. Norris also kayoed Guy Guerrette, 1.

Ralph (Tiger) Jones stopped Ernie Durando, 6. Gene Fullmer defeated Gil Turner, 10. Undefeated Pat McAteer posted his 37th straight victory by winning British title from Johnny Sullivan on disqualification, 9.

Rinzi Nocero defeated Vic Cardell, 10. Charley Josephs returned to action and whipped Stan Jones, 10. Tony Anthony stopped Claude Chapman, 5.

Johnny Noel defeated Willie Hobbs, 6. Tony Pelino kayoed Bones Davis, 6. Yama Bahama halted Abe Cruz, 4. George Mojica halted Sammy Jackson, 4. Angelo Brisci beat Bobby Barnes, 6.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Carmen Basilio captured the World's Championship by battering Tony DeMarco into a 12 round kayo. Ramon Fuentes drew with middleweight Gil Turner, 10. Isaac Logart edged out Ludwig Lightburn, 10. Basil Marie outfought Ronnie Harper, 10.

Buddy McDonald upset Dixon Hoxey, 8, Hoxey had won 33 straight. Virgil Akins kayoed Joe Miceli, 1. Art Aragon beat Don Jordan, 10. Kid Gavilan launched his comeback by kayoing Luigi Cemulini, 3.

Del Flanagan whipped middleweight Al Andrews, 10, and halted Ralph Alvarez, 4. Ismael Espana kayoed Tito Despaigne, 1. Tom Hickey bested Aldo Menti, 8. 46-year-old Bep van Klaveren continued along winning way by edging out Freddie Teichmann, 10. Gene Poirer stopped Miguel Diaz, 4, Diaz whipped Gus Acosta, 10.

Belgian Champion Pierre Souters halted Alois Brand, 8. Carlos Chavez bested Morris Leviege, 10. Jimmy Ford lost to Kid Fichique, 10, but halted Lesmes Echevarria, 8. Tony Percy bested Archie Monroe, 10, and Irvin Steen, 6. Al Villafara decisioned Phil Kim, 10.

Eddie Connors halted Jimmy Mattos, 5 and beat Eli DeLoach, 8. Peter King stopped Umberto Vernaglione, 7. Gallito Gonzalez decisioned Chucho Ruiz, 10. Duke Harris lost to middleweight Al Andrews, 10. Bobby Sanders outpointed Archie Whitewater, 10. Fernando Spallotta finished Emilio Jackson, 9. Charlie Sawyer halted Ernie Greer, 8, and Alex Amador, 2. Louis Carr defeated Carl Coates, 8. Joe Castaneda defeated Rudolph Bent, 10.

Alan Kennedy scored over Jerry Fowler, 8, Jerry also lost to Sam Kelly, 5, while Kennedy beat Al Berry, 6. Willi Stevenson won from Don Southern, 8. Earl Dennis halted Cloyed Ketcherside, 6, and drew with Bobby Barnes, 6.

Chuck Putney kayoed George Mocaby, 2 and drew with Ron Milne, 5. Idrissa Dione edged out Portuguese Champion Raphael DaSylva, 10. Willie Dillon drew with Isaac Vaughun, 6. Bob Murphy kayoed Billy Davis, 1. Mel Barker beat Danny Cardenas, 10, and kayoed Al Horton, 7, beat Chato Duate, 6. Roland Rodriguez beat Early Scott, 8.

Eddie Lynch whipped Del Bowers, 6. Rafael Gutierrez stopped Rudolph Bent, 9. Henny Winchman bested Itzy Wallach, 6. Jimmy Bryant beat Norman Young, 6. Harry Grogan scored quick knockouts over Percy Simpson (62 seconds) and Phil Warren (76 seconds). Ted Wright kayoed Joe Martino, 2.

Yama Bahama bested Frank Bombiani, 6. Nolan Duplessis beat Bob Morgan, 6, and stopped Glen Hendershot, 4. John L. Perry whipped Ted Tangles, 6. Billy Todd edged out Billy McDonald, 12. Tony Celdano kayoed Juan Pacheco, 7.

Dave Wagoner beat Frank Quarles, 6, and Floyd Sampson, 6. Lyle Mackin stopped Edgar Jones, 3. Jim Carter scored over James Kelly, 6.

Jacques Prigent stopped Albert Muller, 7. Andy Figaro beat Bertram Bailey, 6. Buddy Jackson drew with Juan Tejada, 6. Eddie Brant kayoed Don Keeling, 5. Babe Vance beat Lloyd Nelson, 8, Chato Duarte, 6. Jimmy Watkins defeated Livo Minelli, 8. Ray Reed whipped Ray White, 6. Bob Murphy outpointed Fitzie Pruden, 8.

Tommy Dixon stopped Gaston Roy, 7. Ray Greco kayoed Sammy LaCrosse, 6. Willie Stevenson halted Lewellyn Richardson, 7. Timmie Jefferson beat Jesse Jones, 6.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Ludwig Lightburn lost to welter Isaac Logart, 10. European Champion Duilio Loi outpointed Louis Carrara, 10 (non-title). Joe Lopes decisioned featherweight champion Sandy Saddler, 10. (Non-title).

Johnny Gonsalves defeated Raoul Perez, 10. Eddie Chavez whipped Gil Muniz, 10, Gil also lost to Jorge Macias, 10. Jorge also halted Lou Filippo, 7, and Chavez stopped Ray Castro, 8. Kenny Lane upset Canadian titleholder Richie Howard, 10, and defeated Eli Leggett, 10.

Danny Davis outscored Glen Flanagan, 12. Bobby Woods outslugged Rocky Randell, 10. Nat (Killer) Jackson bested Jimmy Hackney, 10. Baby Vazquez retained Mexican title by outpointing Enrique Esqueda, 12. Australian Champion Pat Ford stopped Don McTaggart, 12, but lost on disqualification to Lahouari Godih, 8.

Luis Barreto kayoed Enrique Bidau, 6. Armand Savoie decisioned Aldo Mente, 10. Col Clarke posted his 22nd kayo in 23 pro starts by flattening George Bracken, 2. Beto Carbajal defeated Hector Garcia, 10, and halted Gorilon Ortiz, 7.

Fernando Silva won from Armando Lopez, 10. Larry Boardman defeated Tommy Tibbs, 10. Enrique Ortiz halted Agustin Rosales, 5. Bolden Abrams outpointed Cesar Saavedra, 10. Buddy Evatt outscored Leroy Richards, 10. Jackie Blair kayoed George Easterling, 8. Leonard Gaines stopped Augie Villa, 3. Cesar Morales drew with Agustin Gonzales, 10. Gonzales kayoed Felipe Novelo, 8.

Vicente Matute outpointed Nick Blanco, 8. Leo Alonzo kayoed Severo Fuentes, 9. Coca Kid stopped Fidel Lucero, 9. Jimmy DeMura beat Dexter Connors, 8, but lost to Jesse Rodriquez, 8. Bombero Aguilar won over Diamente Ramirez, 8.

Pedro Sierra kayoed Eloy Pascheco, 4. Aladino Gusman kayoed Bobby Acusta, 4. Manuel Ravell drew with Pantera de Champoton, 8.

Tomas Castillo stopped Armando Baragano, 6, lost to Baby Cochet, 10, then beat Cochet, 10. Al Nevarez beat George Reyes, 6, and Billy Evans, 10. Baby Gamboa kayoed Black Bill, 7. Marcelino Molina defeated Ignacio Asencio, 8. Tommy Barto kayoed Frank Ippolito, 6. Russ Tague scored over Willie Frazier, 6. Willie also lost to Ron Bagley, 5.

Bobby Ramajo stopped Hector Garcia, 4. Jimmy Moulton bested Tony DeCola, 6. Walter Byars bested Cliff Hutchinson, 6. Bob Burdett drew with Tenejeros Boy, 8, and beat Pancho Villeza, 8. Frankie Madison and Danny Mendoza drew, 6. Danny then won in 6. Art Smith drew with Chico Aarroyo, 6. Chico also drew with Davey Lee, 8.

Bobby McHugh halted Joe Hawks, 1, and Bobby Kilburn, 3. Chencho Chavez stopped Primo Nancette, 3. Mickey Northrup beat Timmie Jefferson, 6.

Gale Kerwin defeated Freddy Messina, 6. Jose Paredes whipped Eduardo Almazan, 3.

Don Sacco bested Davey Lee, 6. Giancarlo Garbelli outboxed Bruno Visintin, 10. Ray Reed drew with Rip Russell, 6. Willard Nelson scored over Teddy Hall, 6. Hoacine Khalfi outpointed Jacques Dumesnil, 10.

Andy Arel stopped Roger Siclare, 5. Spanish Champion Fred Galiana retained title by stopping Carmelo Beraza, 10, for his ninth straight kayo victory of the year. Sauveur Chiocca outfought Rene Lacaze, 10. Ray Riojas drew with Eddie Bertolino, 10.

Dennis Pat Brady decisioned Georgie Justine, 8. Rudy Jordan defeated Art Ramponi, 10. Henry Brown scored over Ray Portilla, 8. Dick Ramazetti kayoed Dick Murphy, 6. Benny Artist defeated Frankie Neeves, 6. Norman Johnson stopped Carl Ladson, 3.

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PROSPECTS OF THE MONTH

HEAVYWEIGHT
Amos Lincoln, Seattle, Wash.
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT
Angelo DeFendis, Brooklyn, N. Y.
MIDDLEWEIGHT
Gene Linscott, Pontiac, Mich.
WELTERWEIGHT
Dick Goldstein, Los Angeles, Calif.
LIGHTWEIGHT
Walter Byras, Boston, Mass.
FEATHERWEIGHT
Miguel Lazu, Cuba
BANTAMWEIGHT
Freddy Hartsell, Durham, N. C.
FLYWEIGHT
Dick Currie, Scotland

Carmelo Costa (extreme left), aged 15, is presented with trophy as outstanding athlete of the 66th Precinct PAL.

FISTIC THROWBACK

By **FRED EISENSTADT**

Carmelo Costa (above) clever young featherweight who ranks high in his division. (Left, above) Costa (bottom row, right), an all-around athlete, with some of his PAL baseball team mates.

IT must be a thrill for a 20-year-old scrapper to perform before a fight crowd at Madison Square Garden for the first time. He feels a double thrill when he's declared winner. You can therefore appreciate what Carmelo Costa must have experienced when he triumphed over lightweight Joey Lopes. Costa is only a featherweight and was unranked at the time.

This is how it was when, on March 19, 1955, Costa gained a ten-round decision over the highly-touted California lightweight Lopes,—with the chubby Brooklynite a 3-1 underdog. Costa, a gentle, soft-spoken ex-Golden Glover, performed in spectacular fashion. He impressed cynical old-timers with his superb boxing style,—adroit moves, clear ducking and blocking, fast footwork, skillful maneuvering and smart counter-punching. In his latest fight he met Lulu Perez and once again thrilled the garden and the TV audience by his one-sided win.

"I particularly like the calm and clever manner in which

The young featherweight relaxing at home with his wife Tina, who sketches him while Carmelo selects some favorite recordings from his collection.

(Above) Costa (left), at 13, sparring with Jerry Salica, boxing instructor at 66th Precinct Pal in Brooklyn looking on. (Left) Young Carmelo was riding high even when he was a baby. Here he expresses his way on a three-wheeler on the roof of his home.

he conducts himself when hurt and in danger of being put out—as Costa was in the sixth round of his bout with Lopes," declares octogenarian Joe Woodman, who managed, among others, the great Sam Langford.

"Possessed of remarkable fighting instinct, Carmelo quickly senses the approach of danger and seems to have a natural feel how best to extricate himself from it. In my opinion this lad, a real fistic throwback, can be ranked with the best boxers in the ring today. In a few years he may even outshine many greats of the past."

Says Whitey Bimstein, world-famous trainer: "There are far too few scrappers with the speed and noodle of Carmelo Costa. It would take a Sherlock Holmes to find one. This boy is a pleasure to watch in the ring. Though only a beginner, he makes moves it takes fighters years to perfect.

"Costa stacks up as one of the smartest in the ring today. He's in the class with Willie Pep, former featherweight champ, and that's saying a lot for Costa."

Carmelo was born in Brooklyn, on May 10, 1933. He was an average child, but more on the quiet side. At the age of thirteen, while still attending grammar school, he strolled into the 66th Precinct PAL, at Boro Hall, and approached Jerry Salica, in charge of boxing there, saying he'd like to put on the gloves with somebody. Salica, who had 35 pro fights while serving in the Army in 1942, obliged the youngster.

"Costa weighed less than 90 pounds at the time," informs Jerry. "But I immediately saw that he had natural boxing ability. Well, after only four months of instructions, I put him in a PAL bout. He lost. But he did far better than I expected after that, winning 31 out of 33 contests. Aside from boxing for the PAL, Carmelo also played second base on its baseball team."

At 16, while attending New Utrecht High School, Costa began competing in the amateurs. In 1951 he captured the sub-novice Golden Gloves bantamweight class. The following year he took the Golden Gloves (open) 126-pound title, won the Ray Robinson award as the outstanding amateur of 1952, and also became the National AAU champion that year. As a simon-pure scrapper, Costa won 63 out of 65 bouts.

"After two years at New Utrecht," declares Chubby, "I transferred to the Brooklyn Automotive High School; I worked in a garage—in order to gain mechanical experience and earn a few bucks."

Carmelo is the fifth of 6 children—four boys and two girls. His dad, who came here from Italy forty years ago and is now employed at the Water Department in Central Park, is one of Carmelo's hottest rooters, comes to all of his fights to cheer him on to victory. "But my mother, who objected to my becoming a fighter still doesn't care for the idea—even now that I'm on my way toward success and good purses. She prays for me whenever I go into the ring. She also prays for my brother Lucio, who is twenty-two, and in the Navy."

Meat is his favorite dish. He loves baseball, likes basketball and enjoys all kinds of games. Swimming is one of his favorite sports. Carmelo likes to watch sports on television. But he doesn't care to see boxing contests on TV. Costa's hobby is collecting recordings. His favorite literature is comic books.

Chubby began his ring career under the management of Steve Paris, a kindly chap who's been connected with boxing for 30-odd years. On July 1, 1952, Costa won over Corky Rogers in 4 rounds. Co-manager Jerry Salica had done a grand job of preparing the youth and bringing him through the amateurs. Paris has done well at steering Carmelo along the tougher, more dangerous professional trail. And now the championship goal is in view.

Costa had been doing most of his fighting at the Eastern Parkway Rink where his Brooklyn followers came en masse to cheer him on to victory. The good-looking lad began to pile up triumph upon triumph—going undefeated in 26 contests—beating such battlers as Tommy Reed, Charley McGarrity, Leo LeBrun, Al Tisi—and boxing on even terms with Libby Manzo. He beat Ike Chestnut, Frankie Sodano and the then Number One featherweight contender, Baby

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Nat FLEISCHER *says:*

I WAS intensely interested in American and British sports page comment on the fight for the world's heavyweight championship in which Rocky Marciano knocked out Don Cockell, Empire title holder.

No viewer of the contest has accorded greater tribute to Cockell than I have.

But, in the main, the journalistic reaction was rather bizarre.

Most of the reporters waxed super-enthusiastic over the fact that Cockell was game. No man ever said that Don was lacking in abdominal investiture, and his standing up to the champion should have been expected.

Paeaens over Cockell's gameness reached the point of being out of order. Did those critics expect the Briton to run out of the ring? Did they believe that, if pressed hard, Cockell would lie down for a nap? I didn't and I said so over the air waves both for American and British consumption.

When a fighter reaches the heights of a shot at the world's heavyweight title, his gameness, his bona fides, his ability to take punishment must be taken for granted.

Cockell and his admirers, particularly the British scribes, feel that he is entitled to another shot at Marciano's crown. The Empire champion, who took everything Rocky tossed at him, is not satisfied Rocky is a better man, though he has conceded the world champion can hit harder.

"To call him the hardest hitter in the division," said Don when interviewed by me in his dressing room, "is giving him more credit than he deserves. I have fought men who hurt me more than did Rocky, among them Johnny Barton in 1948 who dropped me eight times. But I will say that Marciano is the most persistent fellow I've ever met."

Thus the latest victim of the Brockton Blockbuster attempts to dispel the impression that Rocky takes his place with Dempsey and Louis among the hardest punching heavyweights.

That Rocky is a devastating hitter, must be conceded, but when top punchers are considered, one must not forget non-champions like Harry Bobo, Lee Q. Murray, Bob Satterfield, Clarence Henry, Curtis Sheppard and Bob Foxworth among many others we could name who fit into the picture. But each lacked something that Marciano possesses.

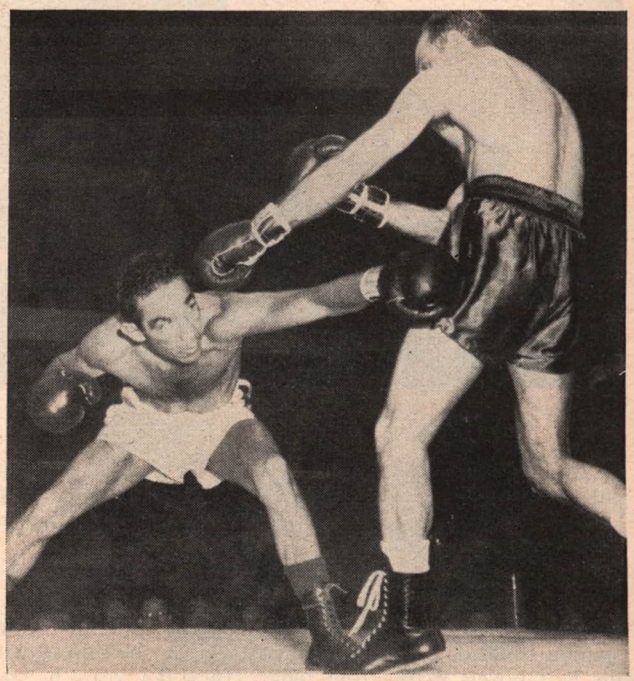
ROCKY HAS THE STAMINA

Rocky has the stamina, the endurance, courage and terrific power to carry him along and these, combined with his wallop, make him the outstanding heavyweight of this era. Among the group above mentioned we have fighters with faint hearts, weak chins or for whom physical fitness was an unknown term. It takes all of the above to enable one to reach the top. Clean living is of vital importance in boxing and Rocky has that.

Cockell may be correct when he declares the world champion is overrated as a hitter, but he must admit that he received a severe shellacking at the hands of this man.

Don and his mentor, George Simpson, continue to berate Rocky for foul fighting.

Don's manager made much of the "butt" that brought about Cockell's head injury, but neither he nor the British scribes who attended the bout made much mention of the fact that both Don and Rocky bumped heads while tearing in at each other and that the "bump" resulting followed a terrific right to the temple by Marciano seconds before which undoubtedly aided in bringing about the cut on the forehead.



Willie Pep (left), former world featherweight champion who is still barred from fighting in New York, makes an appearance on a national TV network fight from Boston, where he halted Joey Cam. Cam, bleeding badly from the eyes, which Pep gallantly refused to go after, was not allowed to come out for the fourth round.

As for low punching, each was guilty, Don once and Rocky twice.

That Marciano used his elbow liberally, cannot be denied. That he must overcome before a referee such as they have in all European countries handles one of his fights. He might suffer severely in the scoring. Whether one commits fouls deliberately or by accident, matters not in the scoring of a fight. The guilty person must be penalized.

It behooves Rocky's handlers to impress that on the champ and to teach him how to overcome his crudeness that results in foul fighting.

ROCKY A BUM, BRITONS HINT

What strikes me as strange is the attitude of our British friends towards Marciano. They call him a rough, foul fighter. Scarcely a word of praise for Rocky from reporters who traveled to the Pacific to cover the battle!

The cries of both Cockell and his mentor that rules are made to be obeyed and not shunned, is a statement that no fair minded American disputes. But to castigate Marciano in the terms used by the British to ease the pain of Cockell's defeat is unjust.

Rocky fought in his usual clumsy, brawling, rough style, one that brings him towards his opponent head down, arms flailing, swinging, often missing, but landing with a thud—a devastating punch when he does connect. The rules in

our country do not term this style as foul fighting.

Rocky has no mercy for his adversary once the gong sends him on his way. That's the way he fought Cockell, who as the pictures show, wasn't playing tiddle-de-winks with the champion. Like Rocky, Don was super-aggressive in most of the rounds. He often rushed forward, attacking Marciano's body and as often happens when two eager fighters are moving toward each other at a rapid gait, Don collided three times with his foe. Once he was warned for fouling.

Let's be fair and not overlook all the good points in Marciano's make-up for the sake of covering up the weaknesses of his British opponent. The campaign from the start of most of the British scribes was to prepare their readers for the defeat of Cockell, a certainty from the moment his name figured as an opponent for the champion.

They knew, as we did in America, that Don didn't have a strong chance to beat Rocky. They aimed from the beginning to make things uncomfortable for Rocky by terming him a foul fighter, particular emphasis being placed on the "illegal manner in which he moves in for the attack, swaying low from the waist."

While this is not permitted in Europe, there is no rule in American boxing against this style and since Cockell was fighting for the crown in America, the abuse hurled on Rocky for battling him in that manner, is unfair.

Never in the fifty years I've covered sports, has a referee warned a boxer in our country for using that style. Why should Rocky have changed it to oblige the British scribes, or Teddy Waltham, representative of the British Board of Boxing Control?

If such style is banned universally, that would be a horse of another color but so long as fights are staged in the U. S., and the rules pertaining to that portion of the British complaint is not altered to make it illegal, Rocky would be within his rights to continue to use that style. As for the other complaints, that's something for the referee to decide.

One thing is certain—any man fighting for the world heavyweight title—the most lucrative of all in boxing, must be prepared to face a rough, tough hombre who is not going to make things easy for him.

Boxing has a true standard bearer in Rocky Marciano—not a rough-neck as he has been termed by many who reported the San Francisco fight. He is neither a tough nor an uncouth character.

ROCKY COMPLETE GENTLEMAN

If boxing had more Marcianos, there would be no need for the many investigations of the sport. He's a gentleman; a smooth talker who doesn't kill the King's English; a fine family man; a boxer who has done much to aid juvenile deliquency. Not by the widest stretch of the imagination can one identify him with hoodlumism or gangsterism.

Above all he's a fighter. That's his vocation and as such he stands head and heels above any man in the profession. Let's not kid ourselves.

Talk of Cockell's losing the fight in San Francisco because of the tactics employed by Marciano is the bunk. He didn't have a chance and he and the entire entourage that accompanied him from England knew it.

Of all the American reporters who covered the camp, I alone had seen Don in several of his bouts. I told the fight public over airwaves that in my opinion Cockell would last at least seven rounds and the bout might go as far as ten but that eventually he would be battered into submission. And my prediction came pretty close to being deadly accurate.

Let's face facts and forget alibis. I'm sure Cockell realizes that whatever violation of the rules Marciano committed were unintentional, as was the one for which he was warned.

BOXING PROBES PRODUCTIVE

Investigations into boxing are finally getting somewnere. Many have been held in recent years but none succeeded in weeding out the unsavory characters after whom they aimed due to collusion by those who were called to aid such investigations.

Now the tide has turned. At least so it seems judging by the advance made by those who have thrust aside politics, defied the lawless element that hitherto has prevented or curbed the commissioners from pursuing to the end what they had started out to do, and are following leads that eventually may bring to a close the chaotic conditions that prevail in boxing.

The New York Commission's investigation into the workings of the International Boxing Guild; the famous "orange poison" case hearings in Philadelphia featuring Harold Johnson, Number One contender for the light heavyweight title, and the order of Governor Knight of California to clean up the sport in his state, they have met with popular approval. Not since the infamous Horton Law Days of boxing in New York when racketeers ruled the roost or the days of faked fights in Chicago, featured by the Gans vs. Terry McGovern gamblers' killing that brought about the termination of boxing in Illinois for many years, has the sport been at so low a level as now.

A clean-up is needed. Public interest in boxing has fallen to a new low if we are to examine the receipts of shows staged in most of our major cities. Why?

The subject has been thoroughly discussed on many occasions. We know what television had done to take away paid spectators from the sport. We know also that the public has become disgusted with the machinations of those who are attempting to relieve commissions of their role in regulating legalized boxing.

It is the latter that the current investigations are striking. They are attempting to bring about the eliminations of those who are trying to become a law unto themselves in the role of boxing czars, superceding those into whose hands the governors of our states have placed the responsibility to regulate the sport. This must be done away with if boxing is to survive and that is the aim of the investigations.

HALF MEASURES WON'T DO

The Ring has combated hoodlumism, racketeering, undercover managers representing men of ill-repute who cannot legally obtain a license, and will continue to do so until all are given to the wall. These objectionable persons must be ousted if boxing is to survive.

We will stand behind the commissions combating the evils so long as these commissions refrain from seeking to make their investigations stepping stones for further political ambitions. Results are what we want and what the public expects the investigations to yield.

In Pennsylvania, where the investigators named two gangsters, one a narcotics peddler who had served time, as the men who engineered the "poison orange" plot, Governor Leader declared that if a national clean-up were impossible, then the alternative is Federal control of boxing. He pointed out to the press that boxing is interstate commerce, that those who operate in this TV era do it across state lines, and that if commissions cannot cope with the situation, Uncle Sam might be asked to do so.

Governor Leader has followed in the footsteps of Governor Harriman who gave the chairman of the New York Commission, Julius Helfand, the go-ahead nod. The former Brooklyn rackets buster is not the executive who is likely to turn his head away and shirk a responsibility. It behooves those who have brought about the present ills to boxing, to watch their step.

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MOORE RETAINS TITLE

By Nat Fleischer

KNOCKING out Carl Bobo Olson, middleweight champion of the world in one minute 19 seconds of the third round at the Polo Grounds in New York on the night of June 22, Archie Moore, the light-heavyweight king, gained the right to challenge Rocky Marciano for the heavyweight title.

That Moore, at long last, will get his delayed shot at Marciano either in New York or Chicago on September 22 appears quite certain.

Plans for a fight between the Rock and Bob Baker definitely were cast into the trash basket by Moore's summary disposal of the middleweight leader.

Defending the title he had won from Joey Maxim for the fourth time the 38-year old crafty, wily, trouper Moore felled Bobo with a terrific left hook to the jaw. It was the only knockdown of the fight.

The hook had a paralyzing effect on Olson, who, as referee Ruby Goldstein tolled the ten, struggled desperately, and in vain, to get back on his feet.

He had to be helped to his corner, where he crumpled, and another living proof of the old jinx which has harrassed every middleweight champion who has tried to gain the lightweight title. Nobody ever has done it.

He was a good middleweight. Moore was a better lightheavyweight. The fight proved what so many a close students of boxing had contended,—that Moore is a far greater fighter than generally has been appreciated. Once again, the old maxim stood out—a great big man will whip a great smaller man.

For Moore, the bout was not merely a title defense. It was the stepping stone to a heavyweight championship bout for which he has been campaigning a long time. Disposing of every worthwhile contender in the heavyweight and lightheavyweight divisions his knockout of the leader of the middleweight sector places Archie in an enviable position.

Archie agrees that both in boxing and in hitting he stands the best chance to put Rocky to his greatest test.

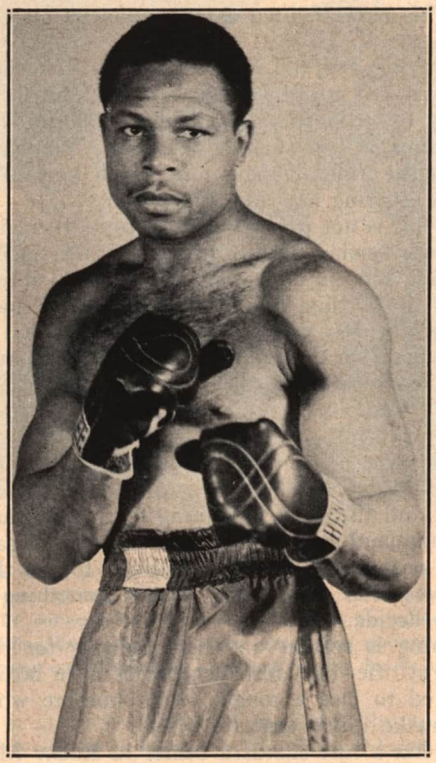
It was Moore's 120th victory in a career that has carried him around the world and his 21st straight conquest. It also marked the 82nd knockout, on his way to his biggest pay day.

The crowd of 27,435 that paid a gross of $206,784 was stunned by the sudden ending. The majority had expected Moore to win, but not as quickly nor in the manner in which he turned the trick.

Archie had made it known that he would go all out for a speedy ending to clinch the Marciano bout.

For two rounds Olson did a neat job of stabbing his opponent. It appeared that the contest would go a long way. Carl boxed well, combining an artful long-range attack with flurries in close. While he was gaining an advantage in points and rounds, he was being slowed down by Moore's body blows which didn't come too often in the first round, but were noticeably effective in the second.

In that 2nd., and the abbreviated 3rd., Moore displayed his skill and power. It became evident that Archie was the better all-around man and that the only way in which he could lose would be through loss of strength due to the weight-reducing problem which he had to face to get down from 197 lbs. to 175 in seven weeks.



Archie Moore, world light heavyweight champion, successfully defended his crown against Carl (Bobo) Olson, world middleweight king at the Polo Grounds, New York.

Archie opened the 3rd. round with determination. In the first two rounds he studied his man. Then he went all out. He landed three lefts in a row to Olson's face before Bobo caught him with an overhand right high on the forehead. Then in a jiffy, to the astonishment of all, came the punches that sent Olson back to the class in which he excels and lifted the stock of Moore as top challenger for Marciano's crown.

It was also Moore's easiest fight in a long career of 20 years. It was a reminder of the Chuck Davey-Kid Gavilan bout, in which Davey, boosted to the skies, was made to look silly by the champion.

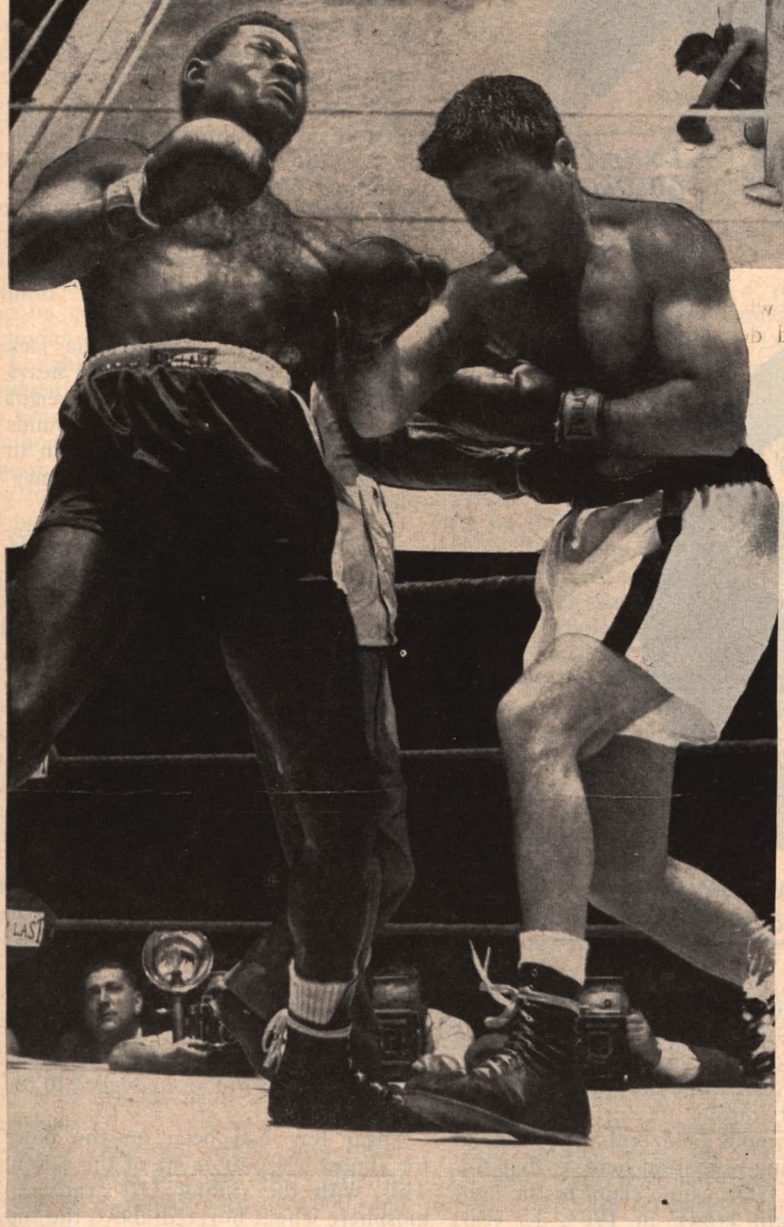
While Olson is tops in his division, he wasn't in the same class with Moore, and had Sid Flaherty, his mentor, studied the Ring Record Book, he might have been convinced of the futility of pitting a young champion against the skill and hitting power of the lightheavyweight king.

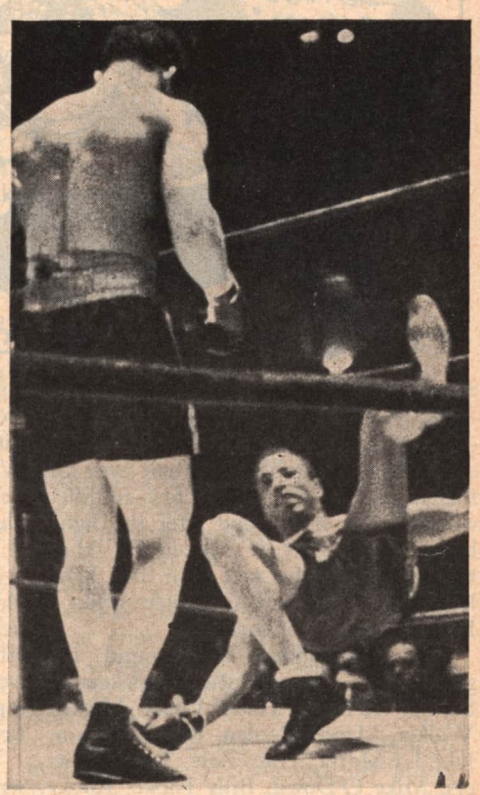
Moore, who has fought for ham and beans most of the time, picked up a neat package, close to $90,000.

NOT HEAVY ENOUGH!

(Above) Georges Carpentier, the Orchid Man of France, who in his first American bout halted Battling Levinsky for the world light heavyweight crown, stepped up to the next division on July 2, 1921 at Boyle's Thirty Acres in the first Million Dollar Gate to try to win Jack Dempsey's title. But Dempsey was too big and too strong for him, knocking him out in four rounds.

(Left, inset) Joey Maxim (right), light heavyweight champion in 1951, tried to become a dual title-holder when he tangled with heavyweight king Ezzard Charles in Chicago but failed when Charles won a fifteen rounds decision.

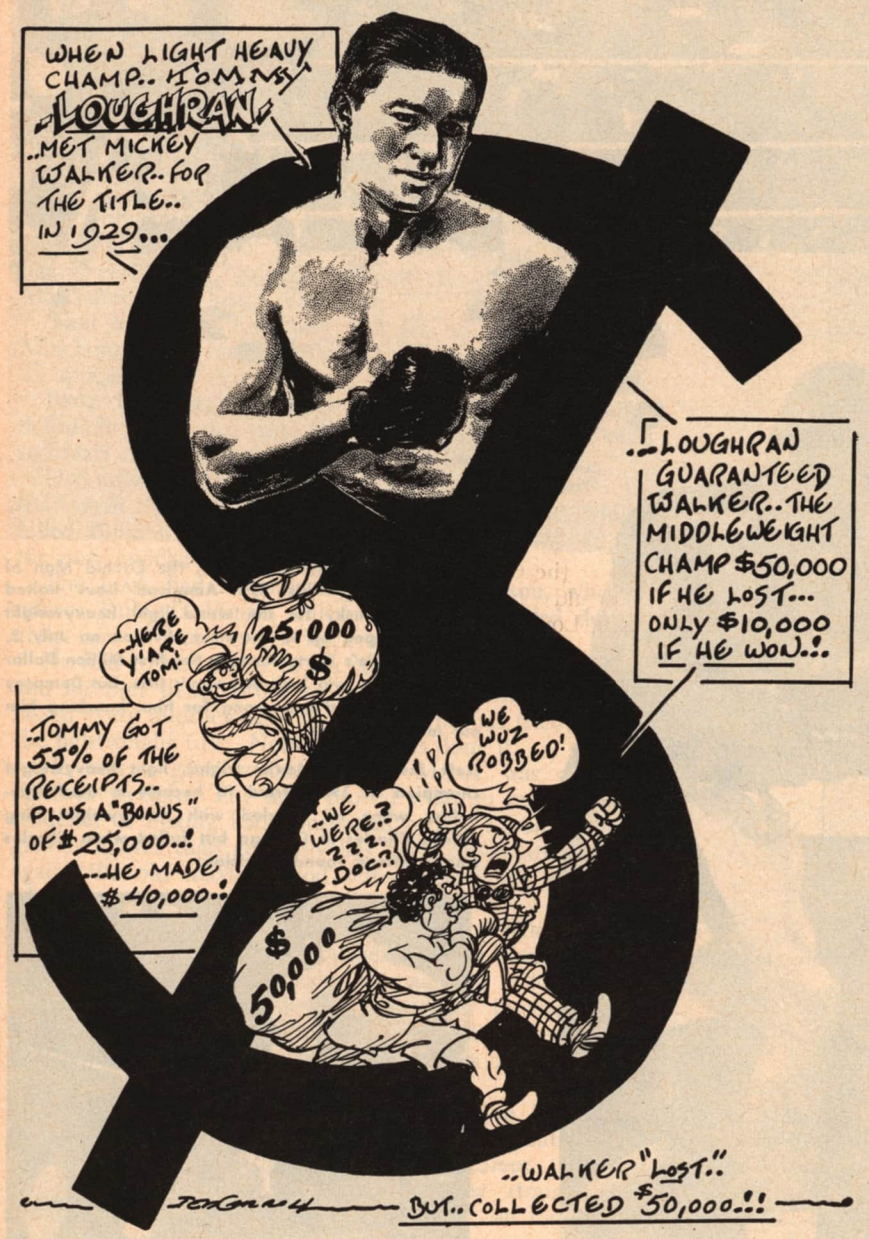




(Right) Light heavyweight king John Henry Lewis, at the twilight of his career, took on the Brown Bomber, Joe Louis, at the height of his greatness in 1939, Louis mercifully ending the heavyweight title bout in less than a round.

160's RARELY COVET LT. HEAVY TITLE

By TED CARROLL



BOBO OLSON's engagement with Archie Moore pointed up an interesting fact. Light heavyweight champions inevitably cast their eyes on the higher-up title. But few middleweight kings have gone after the light heavy laurels. It is conceivable that this traces to the fact that the light heavy championship is not very often a lucrative source of income.

The star-studded 160 pound list glows with such majestic monickers as Stanley Ketchel, Harry Greb, Mickey Walker, Marcel Cerdan, Ray Robinson, Jake La Motta, Tony Zale, Tiger Flowers, Mike O'Dowd, Billy Papke, Rocky Graziano, Fred Apostoli, Freddy Steele, Gorilla Jones, Marcel Thil, and Bob Fitzsimmons. Only Robinson and Walker took a crack at the light heavyweight crown while occupying the middleweight throne.

Fitzsimmons held both titles but an eye-popping revelation here, is that this old time Titan won a claim to the light heavyweight crown in 1903, 12 years after he had been crowned middleweight king in 1891, and even following his winning and losing the world heavyweight championship!

Some of the formidables mentioned wrought great havoc in both the light-heavyweight and heavyweight classes. Flowers, Greb, and Walker walloped big fellows in coast-to-coast campaigning, as did Ketchel.

Greb was one of the greatest middleweights, but did his best fighting at around 168 lbs. and against light heavies and heavies, as evidenced in his notable successes against Tom Gibbons and Gene Tunney.

When the Pittsburgher was at his peak, the lightheavyweight crown was in overseas possession, and much was made of the "American lightheavyweight title" as an ersatz creation concocted by crown-conscious promoters in cahoots with state boxing commissions sponsoring New York's Tunney and Pennsylvania's Greb.

Greb won the U. S. title from Tunney in 1922, a year before he won the middleweight championship from Johnny Wilson.

In a match with Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, then claiming the light heavy crown in 1909, Ketchel, middleweight king, flattened O'Brien in 3 rounds but didn't even bother to lay claim to the then lightly regarded light heavy weight laurels.

When kingpin 160-pounders took shots at the lightheavyweight king, grotesque arrangements and circumstances were in order.

The attempt of Sugar Ray Robinson, who was a "small middleweight", to win the 175 pound title is of recent history. Joey Maxim was the light heavy titlist whom the Sugar Baby tried to strip of his crown on June 25, 1952.

It wasn't much of a contest for 13 rounds with the swift-stepping Robinson flitting and stabbing his way to a mountainous lead on points. Even before its unorthodox finish, Referee Ruby Goldstein took the count from the oppressive heat and had to be relieved by Ray Miller.

With victory in his grasp, Sugar Ray suddenly began to wilt and flounder about the ring, and as the bell rang ending the 13th round, he sagged to the clammy canvas.

Sugar Ray had been on the move for almost every moment of the action. This, with the stifling 110 degree atmosphere which hovered above the furnace-like ring, prevented him from leaving his corner at the start of the 14th round. Some skeptics have wondered why the thermometer which devastated Goldstein and Sugar Ray affected Maxim not at all. The answer here

could be that Goldstein, a dancing master in his boxing days, officiates in pretty much the same fashion, going into an opening gong gallop from corner to corner, which he keeps up for the bout's duration.

Robinson had to keep moving if he was to offset the heavier man's fifteen pound weight advantage and strength. Their unusual activity must have accounted for both casualties.

Some amateur anthropologists have insinuated that if anybody was to cave in from the heat, it shouldn't have been Ray, whose racial heritage is supposed to guarantee a hot weather immunity. What happened just goes to show how nonsensical are many of the old line beliefs.

The Robinson-Maxim mix-up had been the first meeting of middle and light heavyweight champions in 23 years. Back in 1929, Tommy Loughran, then 175 pound boss clashed with Walker, middleweight ruler, in Chicago.

This was during the Terriffic Twenties, and was held in a city which best typified the turbulent tempo of the times. It was angled by many strange considerations, in keeping with the goings-on peculiar to Chicago in those delirious days.

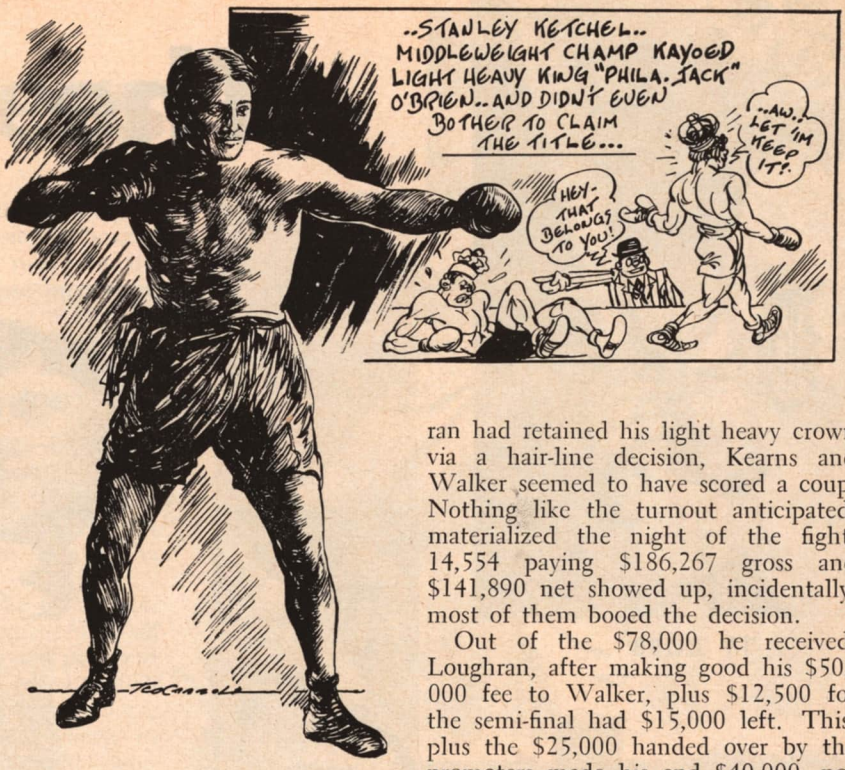
Loughran was a great boxer, but his superlative skill hardly was of the type to cause a box office stampede. While connoisseurs waxed ecstatic over his finesse, the customers, who have a failing for fury in the ring, were inclined to take Tommy in stride.

Walker, was the other extreme, a rip-roaring, swash buckling warrior, and a hail-fellow-well-met to boot. Mickey was a public idol. No one realized this better than his manager, ol' Doc Kearns. Although Walker was cast in the role of challenger for Loughran's crown, with his own title unrisked, Kearns was determined that Mickey, as the attraction, would get the lion's share of the spoils no matter how things came out.

Loughran had found his light heavy title no impetus to riches and being no fool, he was in a receptive mood to whatever gimmick Kearns came up with in order to clinch the bout. Although Tommy had a good manager in quiet, background seeking Joe Smith, Loughran, like Tunney, Robinson, LaMotta and others—was a strong-minded person who usually made his own final decisions.

Kearns came up with a proposition. If Walker won the light heavy title, he would be satisfied with $10,000, but if he lost, he had to be guaranteed $50,000. After all, Kearns knew, and Loughran knew, that Walker was the box office draw.

Tommy did some fast thinking. The crash of 1929 was just around the corner, but it was still boom time. Figuring on a capacity turnout at the Chicago Stadium, which would have amounted to some $300,000, Loughran agreed to assume the financial burden by guaranteeing Walker $50,000 if Mickey lost.



Loughran then contacted Paddy Harmon, fronting for the Chicago Stadium interests, and offered to defend his title for 55% of the net receipts, and assume the responsibility of taking care of Walker's end.

This offer struck home with the Stadium people, but not before the already intriguing arrangements took another peculiar twist.

Harmon insisted on a powerhouse semi-windup bringing together Tuffy Griffiths, then a mid-west sensation and Leo Lomski, fading, but still a good name. Loughran, the promoter suggested, would also be expected to contribute $12,500 from his end to defray the cost of this tidbit.

Then the Stadium folks turned right around and guaranteed Tommy himself, $25,000 for his "services". What this amounted to, was that they were getting a title bout between two champions, for an outlay of $25,000.

The entire deal, although pretzel-like in design, left everybody happy. Loughran, confident of a capacity house of 25,000, gloated over his prospective $150,000 "take" with half that left over for him, after his obligations had been attended to. The satisfied promoters fancied their position a foolproof one, with somebody else taking the risk. No matter what happened Walker still had his middleweight title, and if he lost, he would be $50,000 richer.

After everything was over and Loughran had retained his light heavy crown via a hair-line decision, Kearns and Walker seemed to have scored a coup. Nothing like the turnout anticipated, materialized the night of the fight. 14,554 paying $186,267 gross and $141,890 net showed up, incidentally, most of them booed the decision.

Out of the $78,000 he received, Loughran, after making good his $50,000 fee to Walker, plus $12,500 for the semi-final had $15,000 left. This, plus the $25,000 handed over by the promoters made his end $40,000, not bad for an evening's work. The bout proved to be far from a windfall for the promoters, but they escaped with their bankrolls intact.

Press and public of the period, were inclined to tab Tommy as just another target of Kearns' manipulations, since Walker wound up with more than the defending champion did. But eyed from the retrospective reviewing stand of a quarter century later, Loughran may have been a lot more clever than was realized at the time.

In those days, Kearns and Walker were usually fortune's favorites when decisions were handed down, especially in Chicago, where the Tiger Flowers-Mickey Walker affair held just 2 years before Loughran met Mickey, must have been fresh in Loughran's mind. Also there were influences active in the wide-open Chicago of those days, not unfriendly to Doc.

By placing Kearns and Walker in a dilemma where they got a whole lot less if they won, than if they lost, Tommy could have been making provisions for his own interests when the time came to hand in the verdict. On top of this, big paydays were never plentiful for Tommy even with the title, and the Walker payoff was one of his most lucrative purses.

Kearns put on a rave act over the unfairness of the decision, calling upon press and public for justice over the wrong done his Mickey, while all the time soft-pedalling any insinuation that the $50,000 may have made the "loss" worthwhile.

Loughran was the only champion to ever guarantee a challenger his purse. It's always been the other way around.

The Fighting Ballplayers

By
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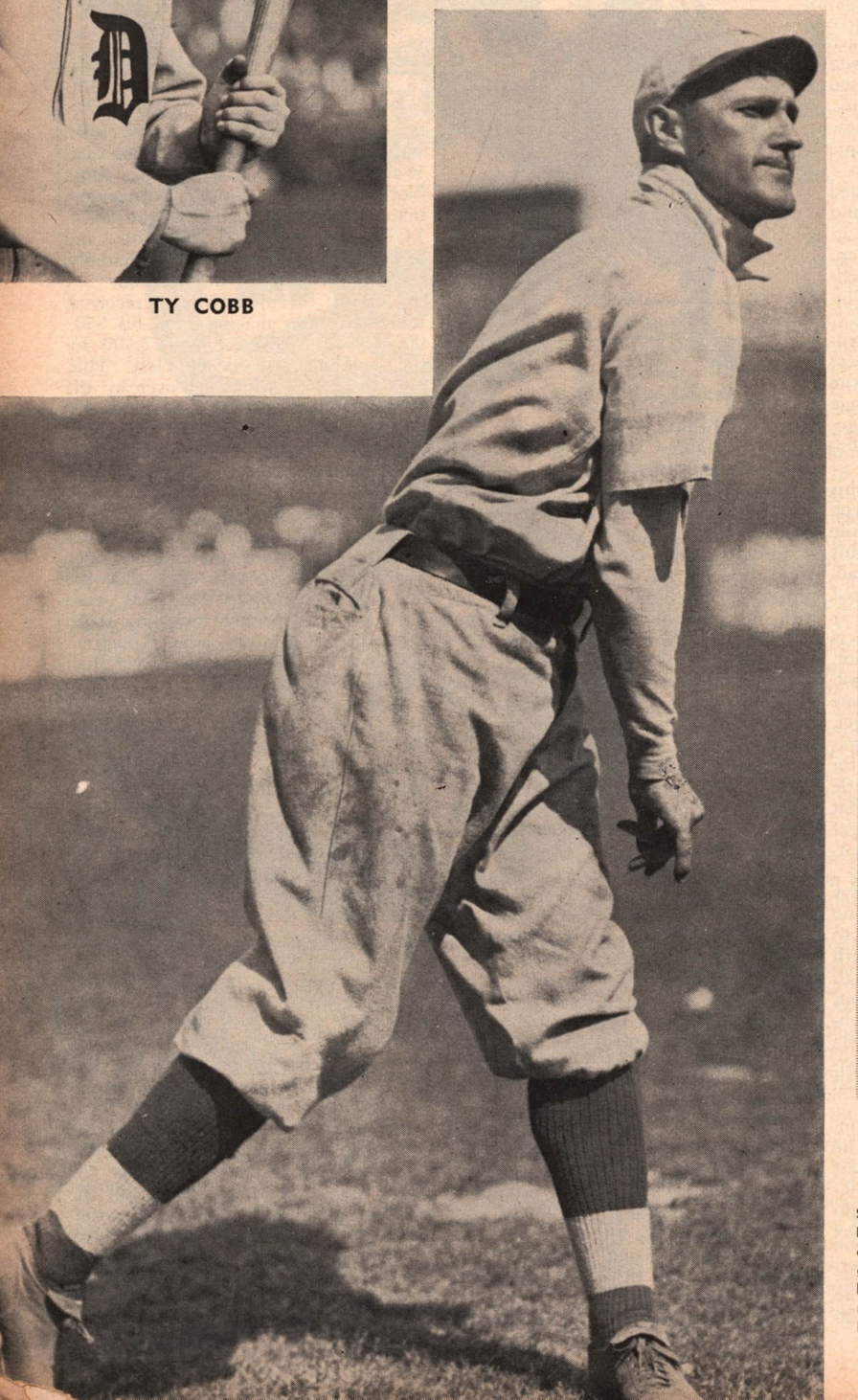


Shortstop Art Fletcher, captain of the New York Giants in 1919, who after asking rivals to play a nice, quiet ball game because enemies of Sunday baseball were watching, tangled in a roughhouse brawl with his pitcher, Rube Benton, over crossed signals.

Greb's Sparring Partner Gave Giants Fair Warning

Casey Stengel, manager of the Yankees, tells a funny story about a boxer who tried to become a Giant. He didn't quite make it. But he gave some of the Giants of 1923 a lesson in baseball manners.

"I was with the Giants in San Antonio, and John McGraw put me in charge of a second team which went off on a week's schedule," Stengel relates.

"One of our pitchers was a big redheaded, quiet guy named George McFarland, who lived in Pittsburgh and had worked for Springfield, Mass.

"The boys played a lot of practical jokes on McFarland. He took it all without a squawk.

"One evening he said to me, 'Mr. Stengel, please tell the boys the fun is over. Beginning tomorrow, I am going to shellack a few of your lads if they don't behave.'

"I questioned McFarland and found out he was Harry Greb's sparring partner. I passed this information on to the pranksters. McFarland wasn't bothered any more."

SOME sixty percent of our major league baseball players are quite interested in professional boxing. Their preoccupation with ring matters runs from the cursory concern of Sal Maglie, to the intense interest of Yogi Berra and Irving Noren.

But very few of our big leaguers are capable punchers and effective fighters in a brawl. This puzzles many folks. They feel that professional athletes should be more accurate with their punches, even though their primary activity is on the diamond and not in the roped arena.

However, the failure of ball players to achieve effectiveness with their fists is quite understandable. The reason was explained by Lou Gehrig after one of the best riots I yet have seen on a ball field, in Washington back in the early 1930's.

All of the Yankees except Gehrig and Babe Ruth, who stood on the dugout steps surveying the carnage, and all of the Senators, as well as hundreds of fans, and park and municipal police, became involved in the brawl, which started with an incident at second base.

Ben Chapman, fleet footed Yankee, going down to second, was taken out by Buddy Myer somewhat vigorously. Ben aimed a well directed boot at Buddy's buttocks, Myer jumped up and swung, and the fight was on.

That evening, on a train headed for New York, Gehrig said, "Suppose I had chosen to get into the fight. Suppose I had broken a hand or sprained an ankle. Suppose the Babe had run into an accident.

"In short, fisticuffs are for the professional boxer, not for the ball player. I cannot risk getting hurt. I can't afford to be out for one day. Nor could this club do without Ruth for 24 hours."

Gehrig was in process of compiling his amazing record of playing in 2,130 consecutive games, and he doubtless had that in mind when he said that he could not afford to miss a contest.

The fistic ardour of a battling ball player cools fast, and quickly his punching becomes cautious, and descends to the innocuous effect of a round house swing without a chance of making the target.

Your aggressive player starts swinging with the first impetus of anger, and soon falls into a clinch. Intercession by umpires and other players also serves to chill the fistic impulse.

However, baseball annals do present quite a few fights of choice and intriguing quality.

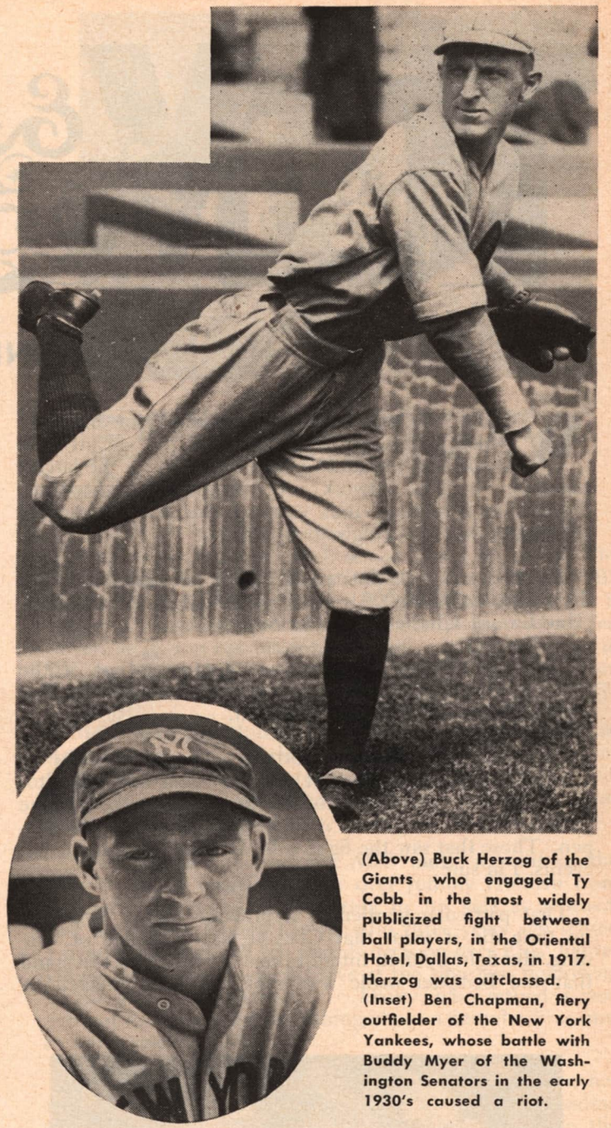
It is said that the fiercest brawl in diamond history was fought by Ty Cobb and umpire Billy Evans, under the grand stand in Washington after a game between the Tigers and the Senators.

Evans was young, and new in the business. At Cornell, he had been something of a college boxer.

Cobb, too, was young, a wonderful athlete, the fiery Georgian, always the storm petrel.

Billy and Ty exchanged compliments during the game, on the subject of a couple of strikes called against the Peach. There was a challenge from Cobb, and Evans felt that he had to accept it, or resign as an American League umpire.

The early stage of their fight was all Evans. He outboxed Tyrus with ease. Then Cobb charged in, grabbed Evans about the body, hurled him to the ground, and began to pummel the umpire with a vigor which boded no good to Billy. Bystanders had to break it up, or Billy might have been killed.



(Above) Buck Herzog of the Giants who engaged Ty Cobb in the most widely publicized fight between ball players, in the Oriental Hotel, Dallas, Texas, in 1917. Herzog was outclassed. (Inset) Ben Chapman, fiery outfielder of the New York Yankees, whose battle with Buddy Myer of the Washington Senators in the early 1930's caused a riot.

A similar fight in these times would be possible only if an umpire had decided to turn in his commission. Nor would a player go unscatched, even though the fight came after playing hours.

In baseball today the person of an umpire is inviolate, be it in the majors or the minors.

Perhaps the most aggravated case of mass attack on an umpire happened to George Moriarty, in Cleveland one holiday afternoon between games of a doubleheader. He was pummeled in a dark runway leading to the umpires' dressing room and suffered serious injuries. That sort of thing, too, would not be likely today because the official reprisals would have to be in keeping with the seriousness of the offense.

Unquestionably the funniest brawl between a player and an umpire occurred at the Polo Grounds, with shortstop Billy Jurges, of the Giants, and Umpire George Magerkurth of the National League the principals.

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TV & Boxing

By JOHNNY SALAK

WHILE the world heavyweight championship fight which saw Rocky Marciano halt the gallant Don Cockell in the ninth round was seen on the largest closed-circuit TV network ever assembled, eighty-three theatres in fifty-nine cities carrying the bout, box-office attendance was shockingly disappointing.

The take was an estimated $350,000, considerably below the estimated $500,000 for seventy theatres for the Marciano-Ezzard Charles fight last September.

This was attributed to the constant drum-beat of the sports writers that the fight undoubtedly would prove dull and might be of very short duration.

"It was rated as an unimportant fight and it might be compared to an unimportant picture," said one exhibitor executive. "It turned out to be a good attraction, but the public didn't know about it or believe that it would happen. Those that saw the fight will turn out for more boxing events, I'm sure."

That particular gentleman is probably right. While at no time did it seem that Cockell had a chance of winning, the fight held an interest once it began and the stand that the Britisher made was applauded and cheered by crowds everywhere. The aftermath questions such as, "Did Marciano butt? . . . Did he hit Cockell when the Britisher was down? . . . Was the referee right in stopping the fight when he did?" . . . lent to those who viewed the bout the I-was-there confidence that allowed them all to answer expertly, even though divergently.

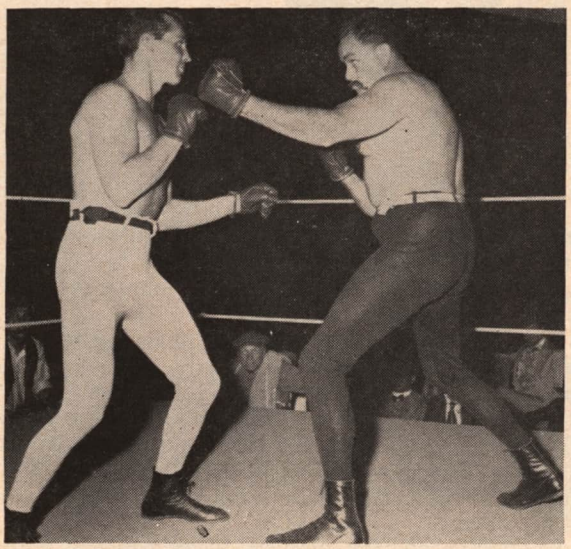
This observer viewed the fight at the Prudential chain's 5th-Ave.-Bayshore Drive-In at Bayshore, L. I., where attendance was not too encouraging but was partially made up for with enthusiasm.

Except for fleeting seconds at the start, when atmospheric conditions were acting up somewhere in the Rockies, the picture was very good, comparatively clear and definite.

Most theatres which booked the event expected to break even or emerge with a slight profit although a few thought they would suffer a slight loss. Wide coverage was given to the telecast in newspapers, Theatre Network Television, the producer, saying that "never before has there been so much reporting of a theatre TV fight."

Seventeen theatres in the metropolitan New York area carried the fight. At the Outdoor Theatre in Milwaukee, an attractive program was offered, with films of Marciano's two fights with Ezzard Charles being shown prior to the Cockell Affair.

Only one spot with a permanent unit had cable difficulty and the audience received a refund. On the whole picture quality was reported as excellent, though a few spots listed it as poor.



"You Are There," thanks to the CBS TV cameras which on June 12 presented "The Birth of Modern Boxing," the world heavyweight championship match between (right) John L. Sullivan (Jeff York) and Jim Corbett (Pat Conway) from the Olympic Club in New Orleans on September 7, 1892.

AN interesting backward glance into "The Birth of Modern Boxing" was seen over the CBS Television Network on Sunday, June 12, when Walter Cronkite and the "You Are There" cameras re-enacted the celebrated battle between the mighty John L. Sullivan, last of the bare knuckle ring champions, and James J. Corbett, the California bank clerk, for the heavyweight championship.

The fight took place on September 7, 1892, at the famed Olympic Club in New Orleans, where 9,000 diehard fans from all over the nation had assembled to witness the first heavyweight championship match to be fought under the modern Marquis of Queensbury rules.

This was the grand climax of the three night fistic spectacle which had already seen Jack McAuliffe halt Billy Myer in fifteen rounds in a lightweight title bout and George Dixon stop Jack Skelly in eight rounds with the featherweight championship on the line.

With the odds heavily favoring Sullivan, who was already a living legend, Corbett went on to halt him in twenty-one rounds.

Cronkite and members of the CBS News staff brought the fight direct from ringside at the arena, and comments from the dressing rooms of the champion and challenger, and from a New York theatrical boarding house where Ann Livingston, one-time show girl and a close friend of Sullivan's reminisced about the blustering champion.

Actor Jeff York, who once boxed professionally, portrayed Sullivan, and Pat Conway, actor-grandson of the late matinee idol, Francis X. Bushman, was cast as Corbett. Roy Engel played Professor John Duffy, the referee, and Vicki Raaf was cast as Ann Livingston.

TAKE a veteran of 125 pro fights, match him with a young sportscaster completely new to boxing and, in this case, the result is the winning team of Jackie Davis and Jim Graner, which handles the TV studio fights originating at Cleveland's Station WEWS each Saturday evening.

The veteran is Davis, now 44, who is a boxing writer for *The Cleveland News*, runs his own wholesale tobacco business and looks back on 55 amateur bouts, 125 professional matches and a career as a ring official which made sports writers dub him Cleveland's "Mr. Referee."

Jackie's ring career started when he was 17. He boxed—as a pro—at 126 to 135 pounds, tangling with such ring names as Barney Ross, Lou Ambers, Cocoa Kid, Tony Falco and Sammy Mandell. In all his 180 fights Jackie was never knocked out—although his fight with Ambers was stopped when Lou opened a severe cut between Davis' eyes. The hardest blow Jackie ever received, he says, was delivered by Cocoa Kid. It left him unable to talk or even chew food for two days. But Jackie talks fine now—and his colorful background stories on the fight game play a big part in the success of the TV studio fights each Saturday.

Davis' partner in the fistic filibuster is Jim Graner, well-known to Cleveland radio and TV fans. A clean-cut straight forward kind of guy, Jim is 36, a native of Akron, Ohio.

After serving as sports director of the ABC radio in Cleveland, Jim moved into an active career of free-lancing which brought him the current boxing assignment. He's been heard doing play-by-play on college football and basketball, tennis, track and harness races.

FIRST fight originating from a TV studio in Japan was held May 10 in Tokyo. Station JOKR, one of the five broadcasting and three TV stations in the Japanese capital, staged the pioneer program. Isao Ishikawa, boxing authority in the station's sports department, did the commentating. Program began at 8 p.m., went off without a hitch and was well received. Sponsor for the show was the Sankyo Pharmaceutical Company, which paid 250,000 yen (about $7,000) for one hour. In the main event Usman Saundang, Thailand lightweight, scored stunning one-round kayo over the Japanese champion, Masahi Akiyama. In a special exhibition, preceding main event, former world champion Yoshio Shirai sparred two rounds with bantamweight Kunio Suzuiki.

TV set ownership hasn't reached the widespread proportions it has in the U. S., the main reason being the prohibitive cost to the average low-salaried worker. Half the sets are owned by the thousands of drinking and eating shops sprawling all over Tokyo. Extra seating is provided by these shops on fight nights for crowds jamming their way in to watch the activities.

CHANNEL HOPPING . . . Willie Pep, former world featherweight champion is to appear in a television show

Ring veteran Jackie Davis (left) and sportscaster Jim Graner who do color and blow-by-blow, respectively, for the TV Studio fights originating at WEWS, Cleveland, each Saturday night.

starting in the fall and which is now being filmed. . . The show, entitled "You'll Never Get Rich," will be on CBS and will star Phil Silvers and Thomas Mitchell. . . . It is a story of the Army and Pep is one of a platoon which has Silvers as its top banana top sergeant. . . . Other boxers in the cast include Walter Cartier, Frankie Ryff and Dan Bucceroni.

More than two thirds of the TV set owners in the Los Angeles area believe that the Federal Communications Commission should approve subscription television, according to the findings of the 13th semi-annual Tele-Census report recently released.

When Steve Ellis did the ABC radio account of the June 8 Ezzard Charles victory over Johnny Holman from Cincinnati who should be sitting by his side as a broadcast buddy but Chuck Davey, who three years ago scored a five round kayo and ten rounds decision over Ellis' fighter Chico Vejar, bouts which Steve at the time was describing to the airwaves audience. . . . Davey, who retired a year ago but has mumbled something about a comeback, is now a sports commentator.

Sir Alexander Korda, leading British film producer, has signed contracts with Zenith Radio Corporation leading toward the establishment of subscription television in the United Kingdom, Ireland and the Channel Islands.

With Syracuse blacked-out while the rest of the nation enjoyed the intense struggle between Carmen Basilio and Tony De Marco for the world welterweight championship over the NBC-TV network on June 10, in which Basilio won the title on a twelve round knockout, a successful innovation was launched. . . . At the Coliseum in that city over two thousand persons, paying $3.50 each, viewed the bout on two big 25 foot screens, the fight being relayed from nearby War Memorial Stadium over a closed circuit.

When Archie Moore and Bobo Olson clashed for the world light heavyweight title at the Polo Grounds on June 22 the contest was carried exclusively by the American Broadcasting Company on both its radio and TV networks. The national TV audience saw the bout from 93 TV stations, while 350 radio stations including Alaska and Hawaii broadcast a blow by blow description from ringside. One of the largest audiences in boxing history saw and heard the title fray. New York was blacked out on TV but the fight was heard there on radio.

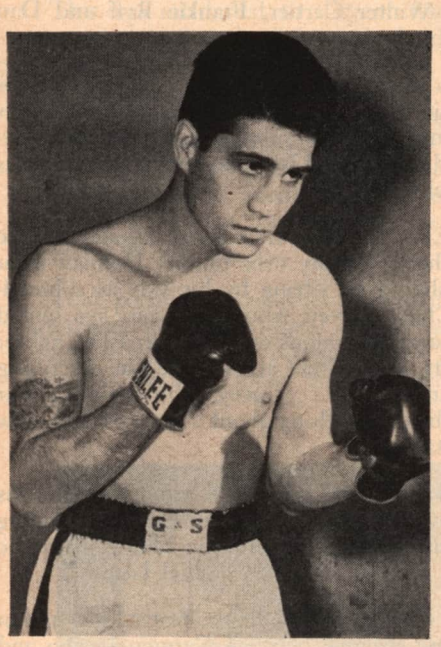
TV Comebacks

By LEW ESKIN

THREE lads who were among the top favorites of the TV boxing fans seemingly had passed out of the fistic spotlight last year. Staging fine comebacks in their recent TV bouts, they once again have established themselves as top notch fighters as well as box office and TV attractions. They are welterweights Danny Giovanelli, Chico Vejar and middleweight Gil Turner.

CHICO VEJAR

VEJAR, one of TV's first glamor boys, went into the Army in 1953. Although he continued boxing, while in the service, he did not show the ability he had before becoming a member of Uncle Sam's forces. On his way back to his post at Ft. Benning, Ga., following a draw decision with Jed Black in Chicago, the airplane that Chico was piloting crashed near Columbus, Ga. Chico, was forced by an engine failure to crash land in a field where the plane hit a furrow and turned over.



Danny Giovanelli, fast punching young welterweight from Brooklyn.

He suffered a fractured lower jaw, the loss of six teeth and multiple lacerations on his face and body. He was in the hospital for several weeks and had only one bout, that against a second rater, until his army discharge early this year.

Was his fighting career over? The experts waited for his comeback attempt.

He launched his comeback by kayoing Riggie Alotti in three rounds at Stamford then returned to TV to whip Joey Klein and he ended the long ring career of Billy Graham by twice defeating the veteran boxing master. In his last starts he halted the former Italian welterweight champion Paolo Melis and defeated Jimmy Cesario and has advanced in the rated section in his division.

Only 25 years old, Vejar seems to have regained all of his old speed and skill.

A good looking, dark, curley-haired student at New York University, Chico has appeared on TV 15 times. He has won 62 of 67 fights, scoring 32 knockouts.

DANNY GIOVANELLI

"ALL BURNED OUT," was the remark made by fistic followers when young Danny Giovanelli was halted in the tenth and final round by Rocky Casillo. Although Danny went unbeaten in three fights in 1954, he did not look like the same boy who had beaten Vince Martinez, Joey Klein, and Danny Jo Perez while winning 24 of 29 bouts, 11 by knockouts.

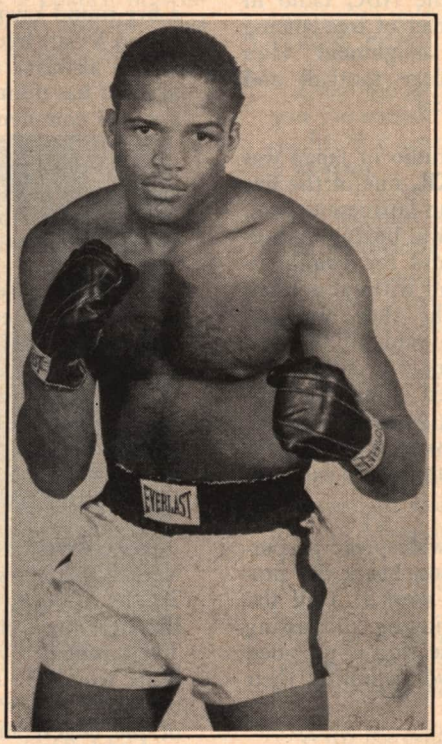
Last June he was held to an eight round draw by green but willing Mike Colucci. Although he came back a few weeks later to stop Mike on a cut eye, he showed very little skill and retired at 22. His boxing career was apparently over.

However, Danny could not get fighting out of his blood and after a six month layoff he was back in the gym. His mind was made up to give it one more whirl before calling it quits for good. But he didn't want any soft touches, not Danny. He said, "there is no point in kidding myself, either I can still fight or I quit".

His first comeback bout was set with Jimmy Martinez, a crafty middleweight who had been on a winning streak during which he beat Joe Miceli, Charley Salas, and Bobby Jones. After two even rounds, Danny went to work and unleashed a torrent of punches that swept Martinez before him into a helpless state that forced the referee to stop the fight in the fifth round. It was only the third time in seventy-five fights that Jimmy had been stopped and Giovanelli was the first welterweight to turn the trick.

The tall, good-looking Brooklyn youngster came back two weeks later to whip the Danish 147-pound champion, Chris Christensen, in another impressive victory.

His non-stop action style has made him a big favorite with the TV ringside viewers.



Gil Turner, solid swinger from Philadelphia once again among the top middleweights.

GIL TURNER

A FEW WEEKS ago at the Eastern Parkway Arena in Brooklyn Gene Fullmer, unbeaten Utah middleweight, was all set to add the name of Gil Turner to his list of victims, but the faded, so-called washed-up Philadelphian, tossed a surprise into the gathering and a brutal 10 round beating into Fullmer as he snapped Gene's winning string at 28.

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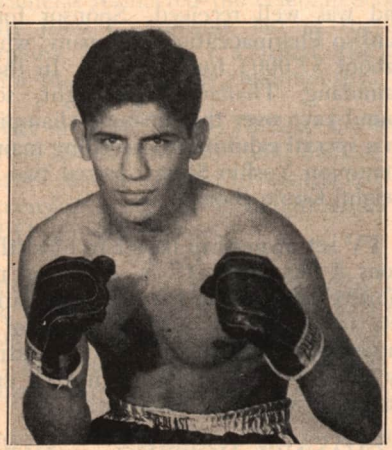
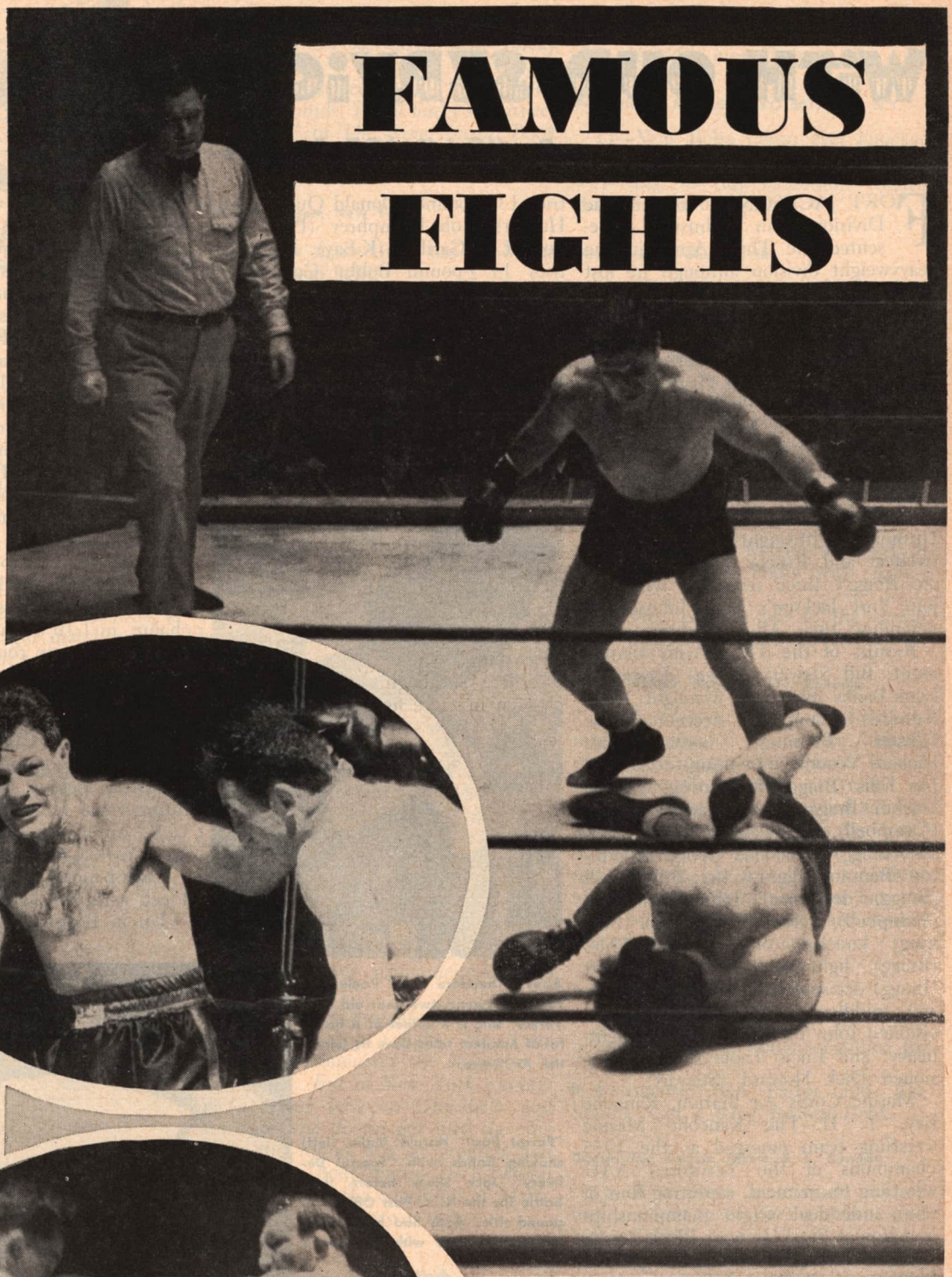
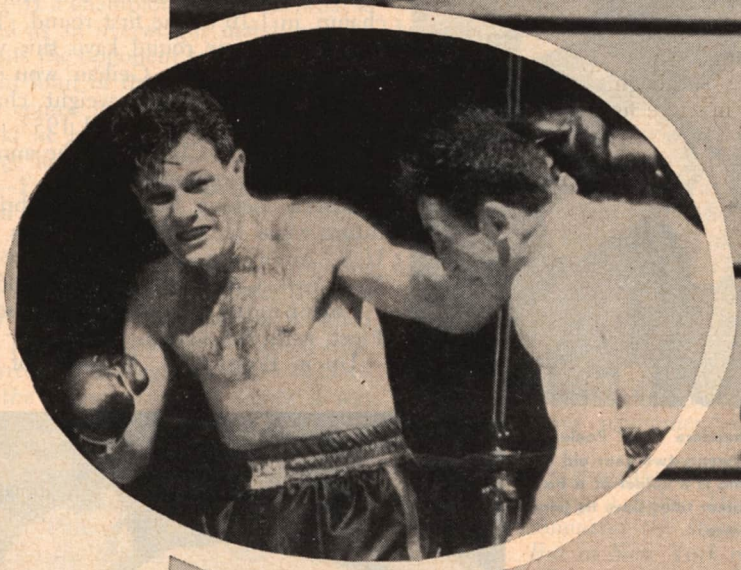


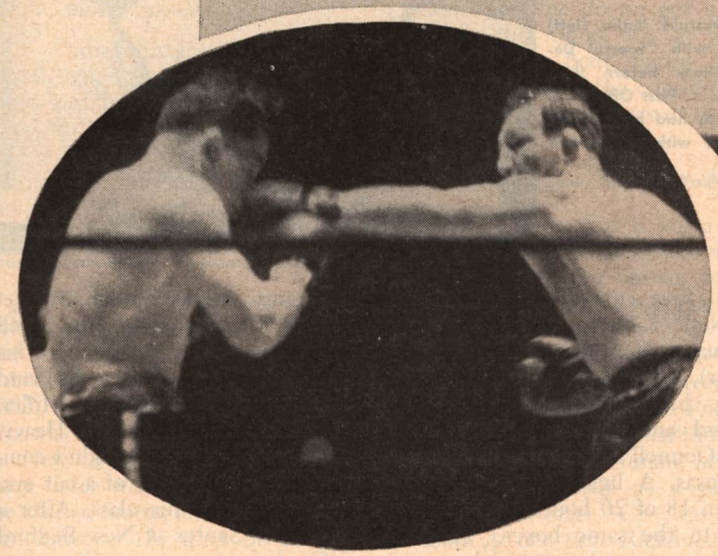
Chico Vejar, Stamford, Conn. welterweight unbeaten since coming out of the army.

FAMOUS FIGHTS



(Right) Fourth Down and None to Go. Mickey Walker sends Arthur DeKuh to the canvas for the fourth time in the first round in their bout in Los Angeles in 1932. Referee Holborrow counted out DeKuh on this trip.





(Above, left) Sammy Angott, former lightweight champion, (left) decided it was time to retire (again!) following his defeat at the hands of Jimmy McDaniels in Madison Square Garden, November 10, 1944. McDaniels was rewarded for his fine win with a bout with Ray Robinson—and was kayoed in two.

(Left) Maxie Rosenbloom (right) displays a neat left jab to Adolph Heuser of Germany who was challenging Maxie for the world light heavyweight title in 1933. Slapsie Maxie won the fifteen rounds decision at Madison Square Garden.

WITH OUR SERVICEMEN

By "G.I." JOE SMITH

FORT JACKSON, 101st Airborne Division—John Johnson represented the Third Army in the heavyweight division although he lost in the finals of this year's Third Army tournament in the light-heavyweight class. The reason for this is because Johnson is considered a better fighter than this year's Third Army winner, Luis Tapia of Fort Bragg. Johnson defeated Tapia in a return bout during the season after the two had fought to a draw in their opening encounter.

Fort Bragg returned three fighters to defend their All-Army titles. Leon Upshur (lightweight), Bill Thrash (welter) and Roscoe Elliott (middle) are Bragg's three returnees who will join Fort Jackson's John Johnson in defending their All-Army titles.

Results of the Third Army tournament: Bill Stewart (Bragg) decisioned Leon Banks (Benning), flyweight; Rudy Edwards (Campbell) decisioned Joe Gibson (Benning), bantamweight; Richard Woodley (Benning) decisioned Jim Ellis (Bragg), featherweight; Leon Upshur (Bragg) knocked out Jim Dixon (Campbell), lightweight; Tom Jefferson (Bragg) decisioned George Robinston (Benning), light-welter; Bill Thrash (Bragg) decisioned John Charleston (Campbell), welter; Eddie Crook (Benning) knocked out Marvin Miles (Bragg), light-middle; Roscoe Elliott (Bragg) decisioned Dick Wesley (Stewart), middle; Jim Boyd (Benning) decisioned John Johnson (Jackson), light-heavy; and Lucis Tapia (Bragg) decisioned Dick Howard (Stewart).

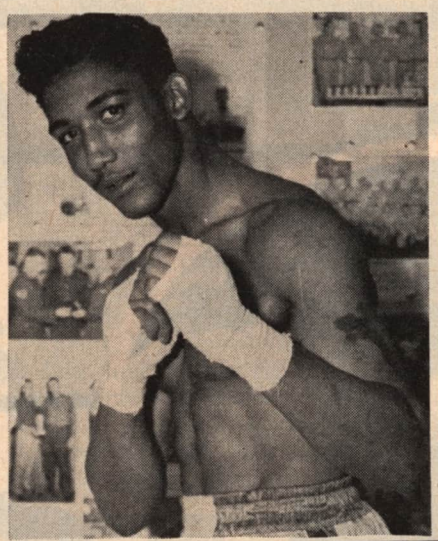
Marine Corps Air Station, Kaneohe Bay, T. H.—The Kaneohe Marine wrestling team emerged as the 1955 champions of the Territorial AAU wrestling tournament, capturing four of seven individual weight championships in action at Pearl Harbor's Bloch Arena.

The K-Bay Leathernecks also grabbed four second-place awards and two third-place awards in defeating wrestling teams from the Pearl Harbor Marines and from the Kamehameha school (Honolulu). Kamehameha school won two individual titles and the Pearl Harbor Marines copped one crown.

The double elimination tourney, sponsored by the Hawaiian AAU wrestling committee, lasted for more than five hours.

The place winners were:

126½-pound—Glenn Kukahiko (Kam School); Kendall Gosch Jr. (K-Bay); George Sticker (unattached). Six entries 136½-pound—Donald Quinn (Pearl Harbor); Bob Humphrey (Pearl Harbor); Leo Garibay (K-Bay). Eight entries 147½-pound—Bobby Cooper (K-Bay); Steve Valdonro (Central Y); F. Silva (Nuuanu Y.). Eight entries 160½-pound—Ernie Johnson (K-Bay); O. Kragenbring (K-Bay); K. Lewis (Pearl Harbor). Six entries 174-pound—C. A. Stork (Kam School); Cecil Brown (K-Bay); Mike Crane (K-Bay). Six entries 191-pound—Phil Ferguson (K-Bay); Don Weaver (K-Bay); John Walker (Nuuanu Y.). Five entries unlimited—Romey McNeil (K-Bay); Abel Kamahoahoa (Nuuanu Y.); Joseph French (Pearl Harbor).



Above: Theodore "Ted" Poole, six-foot-one, twenty-two year old New Yorker, who is a holder of a handful of amateur titles since he joined the Air Force.

"Parcel Post" Harold Malin (left) shaking hands with "Special Delivery" Jack Silver before their battle for the N. Y. Post Office 150 pound title. Both had boxed during their service with the armed forces.

Ted Poole has amassed quite an amateur record since he has been stationed at McConnell Air Force Base in Wichita, Kansas. A light-heavyweight, Poole has won 18 of 20 bouts, the two losses being to the same boxer. Ted has had 46 fights since he started boxing three years ago, winning 38, losing six, and drawing in two. Of his 38 victories, 19 were knockouts. He loves boxing and takes his training seriously. He is planning on turning pro upon his release from active service.

Included among Poole's many titles is the 1953 Alaskan Air Command Championship. In that year he was defeated in the semi-finals of the Worldwide Air Force Tournament. This year, Ted was runner-up in the Great Plains Conference Boxing Tournament; Wichita, Kansas Golden Gloves Champ, reaching the semi-finals in the Kansas City Tournament of Champions.

Of his many victories Poole has two of which he is very proud. One is the kayo of James Sessions, the Korean champ, in 1:10 of the first round. The other is the one round kayo this year of Johnnie Geihan. Geihan won the Kansas State light-heavyweight championship in 1951, 1952 and 1953. He also represented Chicago in the annual East-West championships.

Ted is looking forward to a bright future when he is discharged from the U. S. Air Force. He is a native of New York City and is 22 years old.

Boxing in the Navy's Atlantic Reserve Fleet, with Bob Cohen.

Up in Bostonland, Al Eddy, of the Boston Group, Atlantic Reserve Fleet and one of Massachusetts' most well liked boxing managers, had three of his fighters entered in the New England AAU matches recently. Big John Miller, who won the Rocky Marciano Heavyweight Gloves trophy but couldn't compete in New York because of a cut eye, had little trouble in his class. After a TKO over John Santos of New Bedford

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Jean Prosper, Brockton Mass,

Q—Did Marciano win the title from Joe Louis?
▶A—*No. He knocked out Jersey Joe Walcott in Philadelphia to win the crown. Get The Ring Record Book. You'll find it very handy for such queries.*

Charles Danenfelder, Veterans' Adm. Dayton, O.

Q—If a champion engages in what is signed as an overweight match and he permits the opponent to come in at the weight limit of the class and the champion comes in at the weight or less, should he lose the bout, does the title change hands?
▶A—*Yes. The champion loses the crown under such conditions. I suppose you have reference to the report that Pascual Perez weight 108 pounds and his opponent in their Buenos Aires Bout, Alberto Berenghi weighed 112. The weights we later learned were incorrect. Merenghi scaled 112.748 and the champ, 106.546, hence it was an overweight match. But had Merenghi won the fight and scaled only 112 he would definately have become the title holder. In this bout Perez stopped Berenghi. Many queries were made on the report.*

E. S. F., Dever, Colorado

Q—Didn't Ezzard Charles hold the world light heavyweight title? If so, when and from whom did he win it?
▶A—*No, he never held that title. He held it only in the Army. He held also the army middleweight title. You should get a Ring Record Book.*

Charles Hemingway, Houston, Texas

Q—Was Bob Fitzsimmons an Australian or Englishman? When did he die?
▶A—*He was English, born June 4, 1862 in Cornwall, England. When Fitz was only nine his family emigrated to New Zealand. He began boxing there, later went to Australia, then to the United States, and became an American citizen. He died in Chicago in 1917.*

T. A. Keltner, Chambersburg, Pa.

Q—What was the weight of Ezzard Charles in his last fight with Rocky Marciano?
▶A—*Rocky scaled 187 1-2 and Charles 192 1-2 pounds. You'll find your answer on page 97 of The Ring Record Book under Heavyweight title bouts.*

Herbert Jackson, New York

Q—How many times did La Motta and Robinson fight?
▶A—*Six. Robinson won the first one in 1942. Then he lost on February 5 but won again on February 26, 1943. On May 23, 1945, Ray won again in 10 rounds and on September 26 of that year he beat Jake in 12. In their last bout on February 14, 1950, Ray stopped La Motta in 13 rounds. You'll find all this in the 1955 Ring Record Book.*

J. W. Moquin, Bay City, Mich.

Q—Is the number of rounds for a world championship match a set number, established by the rules of boxing? Can a fight for a title be for less than 15 rounds or for more?
▶A—*The New York Commission, and the NBA rules call for a 15 rounds limit. However, some states permit 20 rounds and some countries, as was the case when Carruthers fought Songkitrat in Bangkok, Thailand, the title bout had a limit of twelve rounds. Generally speaking, every country sets 15 rounds for championship bouts but does permit less or more on certain occasions.*

Q—Is the doctor at the ringside authorized to stop a fight or does he have to give his recommendation to the referee?
▶A—*The rules stipulate that the doctor may not stop a fight. He is required to recommend the stoppage to the referee. But in New York recently in the bout between Giovanelli and Martinez, the doctor got into the ring while the round was in progress and stopped the bout, basing his violation of the rules on the condition of Martinez, who he said, was in danger.*

Arthur Michaelson, Seattle, Wash.

Q—I know this is not a fight query but since The Ring covers wrestling perhaps you can answer my question. Who was the strongest man in modern times?
▶A—*Sandow is frequently given such credit but I recall a conversation with William Muldoon at his Purchase Farm in which he told me that though Sandow was a greater showman, he was not in Louis Cyr's class as a performer of Herculean feats. Cyr was a powerful man. At one time Richard K. Fox tried to match Cyr with Sandow in a weight lifting contest for which the then owner of the Police Gazette was willing to offer $5000 to the winner, but Sandow refused to meet Cyr.*

Pfc. William M. Slabe, APO 541, N.Y., N.Y.

Q—Was Bobo Olson ever knocked out? Does Macias speak English?
▶A—*Yes, by Ray Robinson. Macias doesn't speak English.*

Mrs. A. Preo, Chicago, Ill.

Q—Was the actor Jack Palance ever a fighter?
▶A—*Yes. He was a preliminary fighter who took part in contests at the White Plains Club in the early forties. He fought a four rounder in December 17, 1940 with Joe Baksi which he lost. We have no complete record of his activities.*

F. Lynn, Atlanta, Ga.

Q—Was Joey Maxim dropped at any time in his bouts with Archie Moore?
▶A—*Yes. He was put to the canvas twice in their Miami bout recently.*

Martin Hassel, Panama City, Panama

Q—In a recent bout here, the Commission overruled the entire judging staff, two judges and referee, tossed out the split decision in favor of Federico Plummer and tabbed Chocolatita the winner. Can this be done?
▶A—*Yes, it can be done but it should not be done. It is a gross violations of the rules. No commission has the right to alter the official cards unless the tabulation is incorrect.*

Baker Near, Davenport, Iowa

Q—Against whom did Joe Louis defend his title in bouts scheduled for 20 rounds?
▶A—*Against Bob Pastor and Abe Simon. Get a Ring Record Book.*

Gussie Mac Kinnon, Fernie, B. C. Canada

Q—If a boxer is seriously injured may a doctor overrule the referee and halt a fight?
▶A—*In almost all states, the doctor's word is law. If he tells a referee the bout must be halted, the referee must do so.*

William Broderick, Jr. Clinton, Iowa

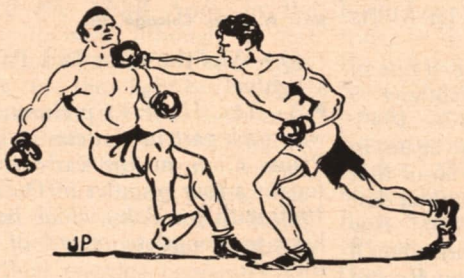
Q—What was the date of death of Milt Aron?
▶A—*He died in Chicago on March 6, 1942.*

J. C. Chicago, Ill.

Q—Is Jake La Motta an Italian?
▶A—*His father is Italian and mother is Jewish.*

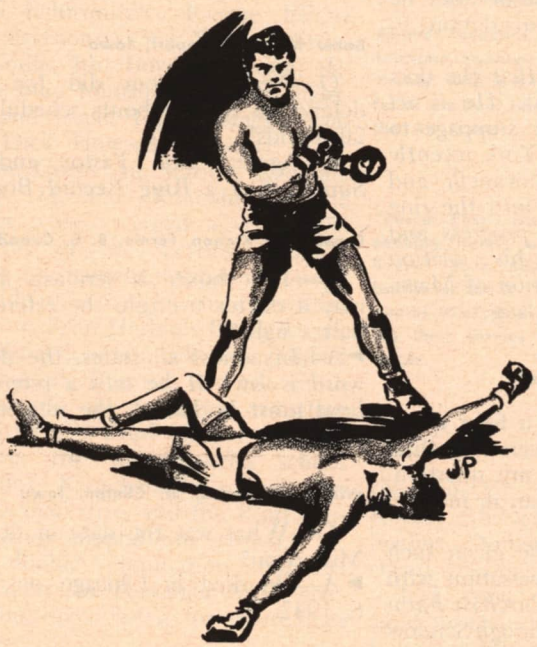
Fights I Cannot Forget

By
DAN DANIEL



Leach Cross, who never held a title, probably fought his greatest battle with Joe Bedell in the old Clermont Rink in Brooklyn.

From the opening bell on there wasn't a let-up in the action, with Cross and Bedell wicked hitters who had knockout wallops in either fist.



In the second round, Cross dropped Bedell who, still wobbly after arising, uncorked a wild right that landed and Cross went down. Another right sent Cross to the canvas for the second time and as he was getting up at the count of nine the bell saved him.

NEW YORK has produced many boxers of international fame. The majority of those who made the top grade received their baptism of fire during the Frawley Law—(1911-1917) days. Among them was Leach Cross, who popularized the sport in the Ghetto of his city.

Leach never won a championship, but he possessed all the lustre of a title holder, faced the best and fell short of attaining the lightweight title only because he was one of a field of equally good fighters who were active during his heydey.

The picturesque Jewish lightweight who was the pride of his race prior to the rise of Benny Leonard to fistic fame, had a brilliant career. Few boxers of his period left as strong an imprint on the game.

Through Cross, thousands of New Yorkers who never would have become boxing enthusiasts, became ardent followers of the sport. He had a following that packed the neighborhood clubs every time he was on the card and those who came to see him were of all walks of life. His success blazed the trail for Leonard.

During my early years as a sports reporter, I attended many boxing shows in which Cross was one of the headliners and I cannot recall one of his battles during the days when he was rising to fame, that didn't give me a thrill. Either they were hair-raisers or associated with incidents that could not easily be forgotten.

Leach's four bouts with Harlem Tommy Murphy; his battle with Sammy Smith; his encounter with Frankie Madden; that with One Round Hogan; the thrillers with Joe Bedell, Bert Keyes, Matty Baldwin, Fighting Dick Hyland, Jack Goodman, Joe Rivers and Jack Britton were rousing bouts that had the fans standing on their seats.

Of all the Cross fights I reported, the one with Joe Bedell in Clermont Rink, Brooklyn, was his greatest. Never did he engage in a battle so fast and furious and with so surprising an ending.

It lacked the glamour of a championship match. It didn't achieve a record attendance. But for action, suspense, drama,—for fireworks that contest in which Cross knocked out Bedell in the closing seconds of the tenth and final round, deserves a place in pugilistic archives.

The night was March 16, 1911. The Irish already had begun to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Jewish followers of Leach were out in force and so were the Italian supporters of Bedell. Two tough battlers, wicked hitters, punchers with knockouts in either fist, were facing each other, with the huge gathering favoring Bedell and the betting running high.

The old Whirlwind Athletic Club which was then operating the Rink had been packed on many previous occasions when local favorites appeared but never had the patrons exhibited such enthusiasm.

From the opening bell until Referee Sam Lewis raised the hand of Cross, there wasn't a let-up. In the second round, Bedell let go a wild right that landed on Cross' jaw. The blow jarred Leach but before Bedell could regain his equilibrium, Cross uncorked a right to the side of Bedell's chin and he hit the canvas.

The din was terrific. Bedell took a short count but was dazed when he got to his feet. Still wobbly, he uncorked a wild right that landed on Leach's jaw, and down he went, feet shooting high in the air.

Up came Cross, and smack went another right to the chin, locating him for the second time on the canvas.

Leach went down so hard that few expected him to last out the round. But survive he did. How he was able to do it was a mystery! He took the count of nine and as he got off the floor, the bell rang saving him from what looked like a sure knockout.

The second blow seemed to stupify Cross. He came out of his corner for the second round groggy, bleary-eyed, but with his acknowledged ring generalship he covered up, stalled and went through the three minutes without endangering himself. And so it continued for the next two rounds with ring generalship enabling Leach to offset the wallops tossed at him though Leach did weaken considerably under a heavy body attack.

Leach Cross, the Fighting Dentist, idol of the Ghetto prior to the rise of Benny Leonard.

It was not until the fifth that the fireworks exploded again. Bedell went after Leach with a vengenance. The blows he delivered would have put a less hardy opponent away. But not Leachie. The men were at each other, firing away punch for punch, with the honors about even.

Three seconds before the bell, Bedell let go a haymaker that felled Cross like a poled steer. They might have counted 100 if the bell had not come to Cross' rescue. Pandemonium reigned.

Cross was limp and lifeless as his second dragged him to his corner. Referee Lewis walked over to see whether Leach could continue. In those days a fight wasn't stopped unless a man was absolutely helpless or his chief second tossed in the towel. Lewis decided that he would let the fight continue.

Smelling salts, an ice pack and some brandy helped Leach revive sufficiently to enable him to face his tormentor for the next session. It also aided Cross to fight back, though not with the vim displayed in the earlier rounds. For two more heats he was satisfied to engage in a delaying action.

In the seventh and eighth rounds, Jimmy Kelly who in later years became a powerful politician in lower New York, was offering 4 to 1 on Cross being knocked out, with few takers. Through those two frames and the ninth, Bedell rolled up a big lead. He belabored Cross' body with terrific punches and took plenty of hard wallops in return, but had far the better of the fighting. Though Leach's blows hurt, they were not as effective as were Bedell's.

Then came the turn of the tide. After Cross had been dropped for a count of eight in the ninth round, his head cleared. Suddenly he regained his equilibrium. His eyes brightened. He had spied what he had been looking for, an opening for a shot that might end the fight. As he explained it after the fight, when his head struck the floor—then not so well protected as now,—it revived him.

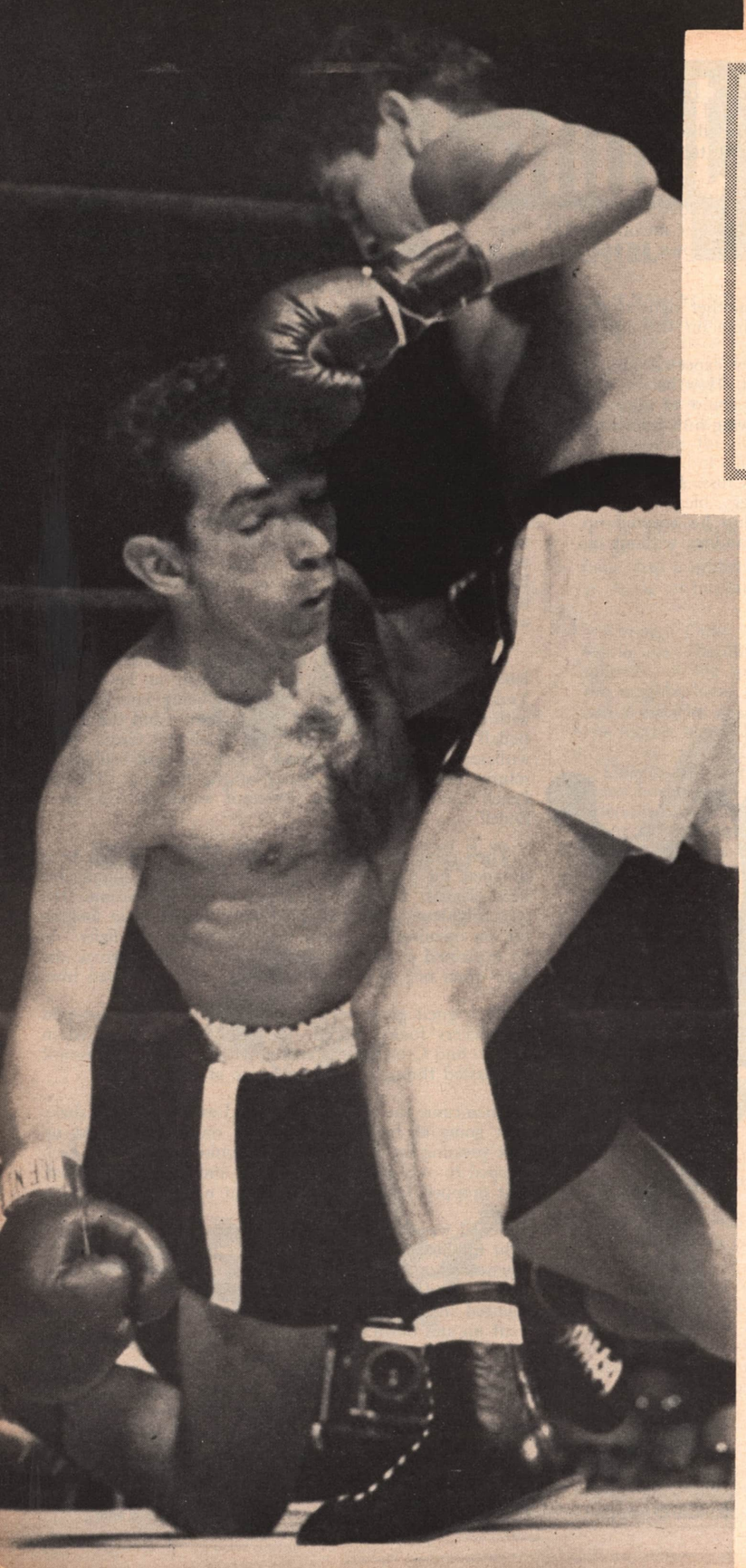
He feigned grogginess—a trick he often employed—and his trickery fooled Bedell. Joe fell for it and rushed in only to find Cross fully prepared with a thunderous assault that lasted through the last minute of the round.

Then came the tenth round with Leach somewhat shaky after going all out in the previous round Bedell lost no time pressing for what he figured would be the kill. Leach stepped to one side, made Joe miss and let go a left hook that dropped Joe like a log. He got up at nine.

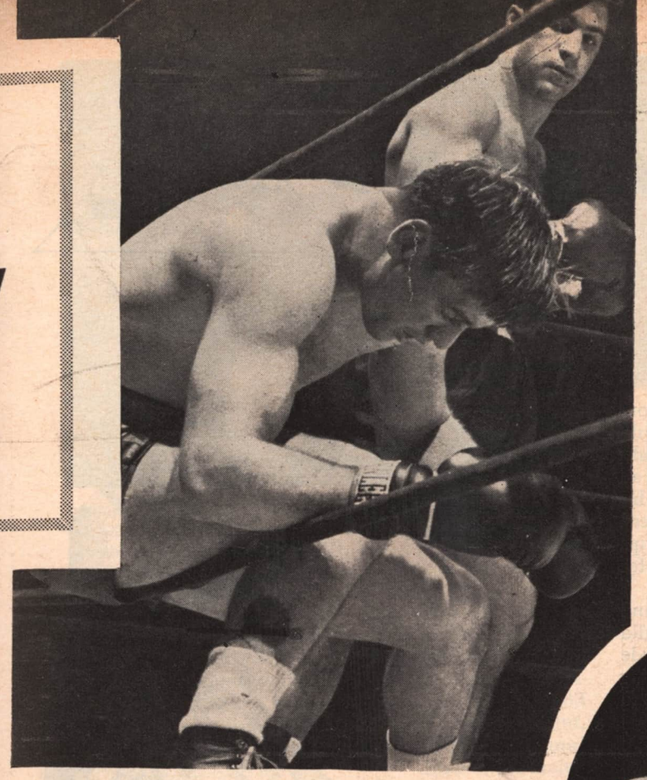
Bedell was in trouble. Cross stepped in and crossed a right to the jaw that tossed Bedell's head back. Joe went down a second time, his head crashing against the floor with a thud. His body was stretched out. The referee counted and not a quiver was visible as the official's hand went up and down.

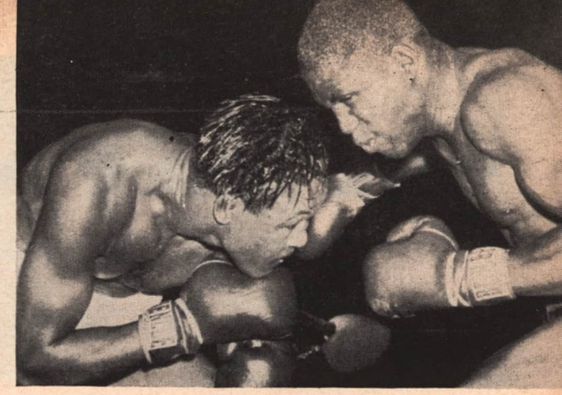
The fight was over. Leach had scored the unexpected. A thunderous cheer went up, Bedell's Italian partisans, the Irish and the Jews all acclaiming the victor. His fighting courage and ring generalship had triumphed.

No fighter ever snatched victory out of defeat in a more surprising manner. Leach was hopelessly beaten until he landed that kayo wallop.



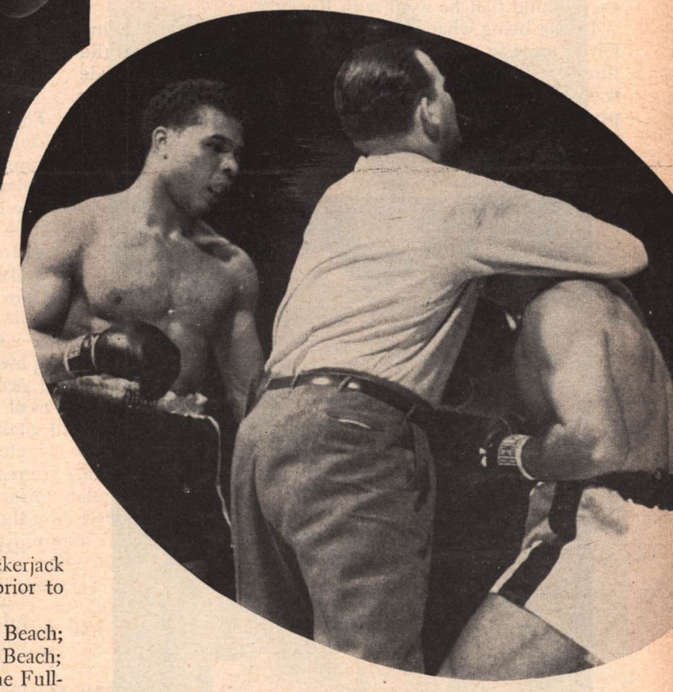
Why so many Upsets?





(Above) Johnny Saxton (right) relieved Kid Gavilan of the welterweight title in Philadelphia last year in a bout in which form took a beating. (Below) Referee Frankie Fullam calls a halt to Billy Fox's (left) one-sided battle with Jake LaMotta in 1947, when LaMotta was a standing target in the fourth round.

(Left) Willie Pep, former world featherweight champion who was dropped three times in the second round of his bout with Lulu Perez, which automatically stopped the fight, early in 1954 and was soon after permanently suspended by the New York Commission. (Right) Sitting This One Out. Pat Richards drops to sitting position on ropes after taking right hand punch from Rocky Marciano in second round in 1949. Referee halted bout at that point.



By CASWELL ADAMS

Since Abel, with an inferior record, succumbed to the left jabs of Cain, who was undefeated, it has been rather axiomatic in the fight game that past performance charts are infallible.

Through the ages, it was always considered a truism that a fighter in the first five could beat a fighter ranked below him. Naturally, there were wishful thinkers who challenged this line of fistic thought but, in the main, the theory wasn't dented much.

But nowadays "form" has fled. No longer can anyone count on "form" when predicting a fight or betting on one. It just isn't there anymore. And there are several schools of thought concerning the disappearance of "form."

Of course, one is that lurking gangsters and mobsters control every fighter, champion or emergency preliminary boy. This is much the most popular attitude to take, particularly by addicts of the magic lantern who seem to sincerely believe that every fight staged is a "barney" and that Frankie Carbo has a finger in the Fresh Air Fund, the Red Cross and won a bundle betting on the Japs at Pearl Harbor.

Boxing is the whipping boy of all sports and suspicion about all bouts is the current pasttime. As a matter of fact, the suspicions are fostered by the fact that newspapers print betting odds on the fights. Also as a matter of fact, there is a minimum of betting on fights these nights. Friendly wagers of a five dollar bill or a pair of whiskies, yes, but few huge bets.

The odds are, for the most part, completely phoney in that they represent floods of money supposedly being bet on the fight, but they do indicate what the "form" should be, according to men who allegedly know boxing and follow it. And when these "odds" are upset, the unbelievers howl that dirty work is rampant and that the underworld has the fight game in a strangle hold.

The other school of thought prefers to believe that there are such things as "upsets" and that canny trainers and managers can maneuver their men into such triumphs by careful study of the style and tactics to be opposed. This makes sense. And didn't now defunct Eastern Parkway in deep Brooklyn earn a national reputation as the House of Upsets?

Form as such has indeed received some crackerjack thumps to the body recently. To name a few prior to fuller examination:

Ezzard Charles and Johnny Holman in Miami Beach; Kid Gavilan and Hector Constance in Miami Beach; Willie Pastrano and Willie Troy in Chicago; Gene Fullmer and Gil Turner in Brooklyn; Bobby Dykes and Gavilan in Miami; Jimmy Carter and Orlando Zuleuta in Washington; Charley Powell and Johnny Summerlin in Los Angeles.

Now how about old Ezzard? He was a lofty choice to beat Holman, who has been fighting a long time and strayed away from the business for a year or two; but who had shown power. When the boys established the "form" for this 3 to 1 upset, they forgot that Holman had exhibited a wallop and that old Ezzard had twice felt the thunder in Rocky Marciano's mittens.

They ignored the definite fact that Rocky leaves a lasting impression on the faces, bodies and minds of men. They are never the same after meeting the Rock socially once, much less twice. So actually, "form" wasn't topsy-turvied in this one.

Take Charley Powell and this Summerlin, twenty-three year old Alabaman fighting out of Detroit and with a fair record in his own bailiwick before going into the Navy late in 1952. For some reason, the "form" had Powell 5 to 1 on the big board.

Now Powell was a professional football player and looked something the part of a fighter when he was eating breakfast. But this resemblance scooted away the minute the big fellow clambered between the strands. Suey Welch, his manager, hastened the mammoth along and let him be taken apart by Charley Norkus. Off his record, he didn't figure to take Summerlin, for all of Johnny's Naval duties. The record books don't tell you that a kid keeps fit by fighting when he's in khaki or blue.

There was no form reversal there. Ballyhoo just got a beating, and Powell's back now with the Forty-Niners, where he can be stiffened every autumnal Sunday and it won't get in the record book.

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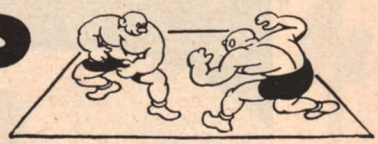
THE MAT WORLD



By NAT LOUBET

HE BOXED WITH ROCKY MARCIANO

CLYDE STEVES, grappler de luxe who hails from Brockton, Mass., the same town that the world heavyweight boxing champ Rocky Marciano calls home, has another thing in common with the Rock. It all dated back to the time when Marciano was training for his fight with Rex Layne and was in need of sparring partners.

Clyde was home at the time between wrestling road trips and Rocky asked him if he would like to make $10 for every round that he went with Rocky.

Living being what it is the money was an incentive and Clyde went to work. Punches went their way and so did thirty-five rounds of Rocky's type of mayhem but Clyde was still around. As he says, "at the end of the training period, I had gone 35 rounds and made $350, not a bad pay day."

Chief Big Heart (right) and his father George Big Heart. The Chief was the former Indiana mat king.

The curvacious blond bomb shell beautiful Penny Banner seen reading her favorite magazine. What is it? The Ring of course.

Clyde, who has tried boxing as well as wrestling as an avocation stayed with the mat sport. "It's too hard to accumulate any savings in boxing," Clyde made a motion of cutting paper, "There are too many ways to share the take what with managers, sparring partners and seconds, etc. I may not make a million in wrestling but in four years I have a beautiful home in Brockton and a nest egg in the bank . . . also all my marbles are in my head where they should be."

ILLINOIS TO LET WOMEN WRESTLE

Miss Ada Ash, has been challenging legislators from Illinois to a match in the ring as a result of a bill introduced into the state senate aimed at denying women the right to wrestle in that state.

Miss Rose Roman went a step further and brought the matter to the attention of the Illinois State Supreme Court which ruled that she should be granted the right to get a license from the Illinois Athletic Commission which had turned her down last year.

Says Miss Roman, "People here in Illinois all seem to want to allow women to wrestle," and she added, "There isn't any reason why we shouldn't."

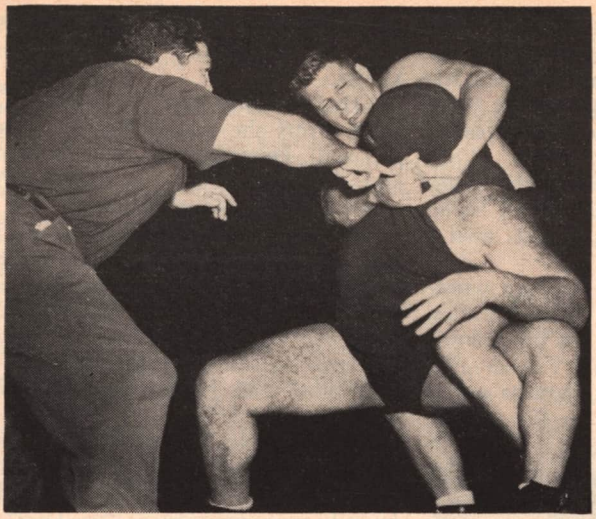
Between us—ladies—the only reason that I can see why you should—is for the money.

BELL DEFENDS AAU JUDO CROWNS

Gene Le Bell twenty two year old youth of Hollywood, Cal., successfully defended his grand tournament and heavyweight titles in the national AAU judo championships.

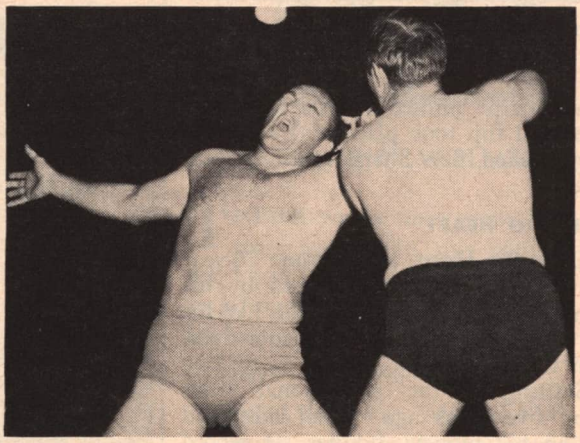
BETWEEN THE ROPES

Hans Schmidt, bad man of the roped square, was disqualified thereby losing his match with Antonino Rocca of



Wilbur Snyder, star of TV with a body twist on El Diablo (that's him with the mask). Snyder won in two straight falls. (Photo by Bob Utter)

Chief Big Heart being turned into position for a Boston Crab hold by Big Ed Alberts. The Chief won the match.



Killer Karl Davis makes with the vocal refrain as Clyde Steves applies pressure to his arm lock. Bout ended in stalemate.

Argentine, otherwise known as the Bare Foot Rocca with the curved back. . . . The action took place at the Philadelphia Arena with Schmidt taking the first fall at 13:18 and Rocca the second at 8:25. Then Hans went all out on a roughness binge until he was disqualified.

Rocca's luck didn't hold, however, and later in the month he traveled from the City of Brotherly Love up to Boston where he flexed his leg muscles at Mayor Hynes charity wrestling show at the Boston Garden. Rocca was out for Verne Gagne's American title but alas he didn't make it.

Gagne won the first flip with a sleeper hold in 12:32 and the match was even stevened at 15:20 when Rocca downed Gagne with a back breaker. Referee Jack Sharkey awarded the third and deciding fall to Gagne after both grapplers ended up outside the ring after six minutes had elapsed and Rocca failed to get back inside the ring before the doleful count of twenty had been reached.

At the Labor Temple, Portland, Me., Eric Pedersen was awarded the contest although Mr. Sakata took the only fall. . . . After Sakata came through with a slumber hold and a series of Judo chops an angry and groggy Pedersen put on a between the acts attack that rendered Sakata hors-de-combat. With Sakata out of the running no one was in the ring to wrestle but Pedersen and it is hard to beat oneself.

Verne Gagne, America's champ, who has recently been on a villian beating campaign warmed up for his Rocca match by taking on Canadian strongman Don Leo Jonathan at Milwaukee. . . . Jonathan is also noted for his downright meanness in the ring and no fan showed disappointment when the *All-American Boy* Gagne pounded his opponent into submission for three out of four. The fourth was thrown in for the enjoyment of the fans and misery of his 280 pound opponent.

The normal time of the match saw Jonathan win the first fall with Gagne evening the bout with a Boston Crab and then winning a second fall with his sleeper. Then due to the cry for "more, more" the boys stated that they would go another ten minutes. Close to ending time Jonathan climbed between the ropes and lit out for home with the crowds howling their delight after him.

At Sacramento, California, Enrique Torres successfully defended his Pacific Coast crown against Lord Blears at the Memorial Auditorium. Torres won the first fall with a body scissors and then Blears evened the score with a leg twist only to have Torres win the decider with a body slam that left Blears out cold on the canvas.

IN TAG TEAM MATCHES

. . . **Chief Thunderbird and Mario DeSousa** crossed arms with Bob (Rebel) Russell and Gorgeous George Grant at Worcester's Mechanics Hall . . . Russell pinned Thunderbird in 15:10 with a top body press only to have the chief reverse matters at 10:44 with a series of spinning headlocks. At 5:33 Russell was disqualified when he struck referee Andy Mexnier.

. . . Ben and Mike Sharpe received their first defeat in a long time when Lord Blears and Gene Kiniski teamed up at the Winterland in San Francisco to down the Sharpe brothers in two out of three falls. The Blears-Kiniski combo took the first fall on a disqual and then

Ethel Brown, a five-foot-three athlete with auburn hair and brown eyes who could easily pass for a model.

Art Michalik, a rising star in the mat world with his fan club president Mabel Stonecipher.

Mike Sharpe pinned Kiniski at 12:30. The final flip took place at 7:01 when Blears felled Ben Sharpe with a body press.

CHIEF BIG HEART

Chief Big Heart, a handsome 26-year old Sioux Indian, is managed by his father, George Big Heart, who like his son is a past master in free style and Indian wrestling.

Starting in the professional ranks some five years ago, Chief advanced to the big money and has set record gates in cities from coast-to-coast.

The 6-foot 1-inch, 232-pound Sioux was born at Pawhuska, Okla., and later attended the University of Tulsa where he played football and ran track against some of the country's best cinder men.

The Chief's pride is the fact that he is sole owner of the Indian medallion presented to the Sioux tribe by George Washington in 1789. The medallion pictures an Indian and a Soldier shaking hands, standing for friendship and peace.

Big Heart was started in wrestling by LeRoy McGuirk, the former world's light-heavyweight and junior heavyweight champion, who has sent prize pupils against such noted groaners as Wild Bill Longson, Killer Kowalski, Mike Mazurki, Buddy Rogers and Lou Thesz.

His hobby is teaching Indian style wrestling and hunting, fishing and trapping which he and his father enjoy doing together. The chief selects wild meat as his favorite food. He is single with no prospects in sight.

VICTORIO GONZALES

Born in Havana, Cuba, 24-years ago, Victorio Gonzales is one of midget matdom's most spectacular performers.

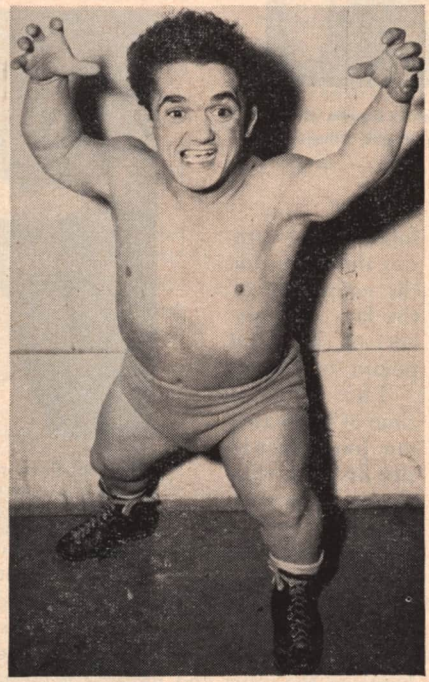
Known as 99-pounds of ring dynamite by his fellow workers, Victor stands 47-inches in height and combines both wrestling and boxing in his daily routine. He prescribes the "Wild Bill Longson" style of wrestling for those who want to get ahead.

All-in-all Gonzales has been in the skull crushing business for six years. He was started out by Pedro Godoy in his homeland, Cuba, and grappled there for three years. During the past three years in this country he has met and defeated all the leading midget crushers.

Now living in Detroit, Mich., Gonzales loves Cuba and tries to get home as often as possible. His parents own a plantation there.

"I would like to be as good a wrestler among the midgets," Victor smiles, "as Lou Thesz is among the big fellows. He is the best of all."

During the summer months when



Victorio Gonzales, Cuban, midget grappler, whose 99 pounds of fury have made him a favorite with the fans.

not wrestling the little guy usually can be found at the ball park watching his favorites, the Detroit Tigers in action.

Gonzales is married. Ham and eggs, salads and juices are his taste favorites.

SHORT STORY ON ETHEL BROWN

A beautiful athlete standing 5-feet 3-inches in height and weighing 135-pounds, Ethel Brown could easily pass for a model or movie star!

She has auburn hair, brown eyes, medium complexion and a world of mat knowledge.

Ethel attended Mound Jr. High School and graduated from East High School in Columbus where she was born. Being a star in softball, volleyball and basketball, she was extremely popular while in high school and held offices in her junior and senior year.

How did she get into wrestling? While attending a wrestling show in Columbus one night, she happened to be seated behind the press row and Emerson Davis who was covering the match for a Columbus paper. Davis admiring her excitement, contacted her after the scrap and together they saw Billy Wolfe.

Ethel wrestles fast and clean. Like Junie Byers she is a sticker for science and skill. However, she can get rough and doesn't hesitate to use her fists when the occasion calls for it.

She is happily married and has a six-year old daughter. The youngster stays with Ethel's mother when the former is on the road.

Her greatest ambition is to score a win over Nell Stewart, the National TV champion, and Junie Byers, champion of the world.

"You have to be tops to beat Byers," snapped Ethel. "She is in top condition and knows wrestling from A to Z." Her favorite male grappler is Lou Thesz.

SHORT STORY ON KATHLEEN WIMBLEY

By Bob Utter

Since joining Billy Wolfe's ranks of girl wrestlers, charming Kathleen Wimbley has made money hand over fist.

Born and reared in Columbus, O., Kathy attended South High School and was one of the all-time great female athletes to wear the colors of that school. Kathleen was made captain of the basketball squad and for three years was high scorer. She was a member of the All-Star Athletic Club; played volley-ball, and carries a 175 average in bowling.

Her talents extended further than athletics. While in high school she had

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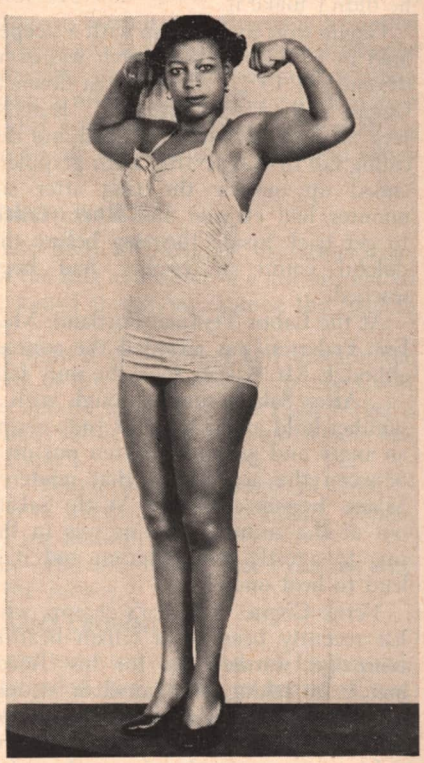

A Columbus, Ohio girl, Kathleen Wimbley was an all around athlete in high school and has become a top performer in women's wrestling. (Photo by Bob Utter)

WORLD RATINGS

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FEATHERWEIGHTS

World Champion Sandy Saddler lost to lightweight Joe Lopes, 10. (non-title). European titleholder Ray Famechon retained his crown by outpointing British Empire champion Billy Kelly, 15.

Carmelo Costa outboxed Lulu Perez, 10. Willie Pep outpointed Gil Cadilli, 10, and stopped Joey Cam, 4. Gil was held to a surprise draw by Jamie Basquez, 10. Fighting as lightweight, Fred Galiana defended Spanish title by stopping Carmelo Beraza, 10, then kayoed Francis Bonnardel, 2, the victories van Galiana's record for 1955 to ten straight knockouts.

Sonny Leon stopped Benjamin Rodriguez, 3. Lauro Salas halted Pete Aguirre, 10, and bested Gil Velarde, 10. Doug Medley kayoed Ivan Keeling, 3. Guillermo Medina halted Leslie Thompson, 2.

Paul Jorgenson kayoed Owen Romero, 7, and beat Mike Turcotte, 10. Julio Escobedo decisioned Memo Valero, 10. Emil Tinde and Casey Jones ended in a draw, 6. Jose Luis Cotero defeated Pete Kawala, 10. Lucio Torres defeated Joe Corso, 10, and drew with Mike Hernandez, 10. Martin Rodriquez stopped Johnny Jannic, 4. Ike Chestnut defeated Doug Medley, 8.

Jose Quijano kayoed Eliseo Hernandez, 6. Nunu Randle drew with Alex Fimbres, 8. Frankie Sequiera stopped Manuel Baptista, 6. Jimmy Cooper halted Harold Smith, 9.

Babe Gonzales bested Papelero Shanchez, 10. Dick Ramazetti defeated Tommy Corrick, 6. Flaviano Ciancrelli outpointed Robert Tartari, 8. Billy Evans lost to lightweight Al Nevarez, 10.

Hector Rodriquez scored over Tommy Bain, 6. Paul Felix scored over Jesse Sanchez, 6. Bernie Bibbs upset Gaby Paliotti, 8. Masaji Tonami outfought Rufino Ridella, 6. Manuel Luna bested Jose Sarabia, 10.

Dick Powell beat Lee Bohles, 6. Cleo Lane defeated Freddy Bravo, 6. Hector Bacquets beat Manny Castro, 6.

Antonio Ramirez scored over Javier Valenzuela, 6. Roberto Bolanos defeated Ezequiel Uribe, 10. Alfredo Escobar beat Tony Mesa, 6.

Robert Oliphant upset Johnny O'Brien, 10. Miguel Lazu bested Felix Triana, 6, and kayoed Enrique Fernandez, 6. Tuffy Salcedo whipped Baby Mortel Jr., 8, the Baby also lost to Joe Balbuena, 6, and Vic Fuentes, 10, while Vic stopped King Tut, 4.

Willie Pep stopped Mickey Mars, 7. Pat Marcune and Bobby Courchesne drew, 10. Gaby Paliotti halted Leroy Jones, 8. Tommy Corrick drew with Jimmy DeMura, 6.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Emile Chemama scored upset by halting Pierre Cossemyns, 3. Andre Valignat decisioned Gaeton Annoloro, 12. South African Champion Willie Toweel stopped Tino Cardinale, 8. Mario D'Agata returned to action and stopped Arthur Emboule, 8. Little Cesar outpointed Tanny Campo, 12.

Jose Lopez scored a big upset by beating Fili Nava, 12, to win Mexican championship. Henry (Pappy) Gault defeated Jimmy Calcutt, 10. Orlando Reyes outpointed Bobby Singleton, 10. Bindi Jack decisioned Carlo Bonito, 12. Jesse Mongia decisioned Alex Santoy, 10.

Dick White stopped Abbie Tranby, 9. Raul Solis kayoed Baby Face Gutierrez, 8. Jorge Valverde kayoed Pedro Garcia, 1.

Memo Sanchez kayoed Babe Ruiz, 6. Frankie Campos beat Pimi Barajas, 10. Ricardo Moreno kayoed Danny Bedella, 1 and Fifi Torres, 2.

Ross Padilla won from Frisco Concepcion, 8, but lost to Al Ascucion, 8, Al also beat Arab Junior, 10. Sarto Emard decisioned Claude Bonin, 6.

Baby Johnson halted Gomy Herman, 8. Star Silay beat Vida Romero, 8. Joey Benson halted Al Palpallatoc, 6. Young Cadin beat Milling Ramos, 6. Bert Gonzalez defeated Pee Wee Vazquez, 6. Jackie Tillana stopped Ben Dayrit, 4.

Billy Peacock kayoed Raul (Raton) Macias, 3. Little Cesar lost to flyweight Leo Espinosa, 12.

FLYWEIGHTS

World Champion Pascual Perez retained his title by kayoing former champion Yoshio Shirai in the fifth. British Empire and European Champion Dai Dower stopped Pierre Gress, 9, and beat Robert Mouginot, 10. Leo Espinosa outfought Frisco Reyes, 10.

Tanny Camop outpointed Dommy Ursuwa, 12, but lost to bantamweight Little Cesar, 12. Robert Mouginot outpointed Pip Dionisio for vacant French title, 12. Memo Diez kayoed Keeny Teran, 3, to win North American title.

Mario DeLeon defeated Eddie Luna, 10. Francis Militante defeated Takeshi Yamaguchi, 10. Nando Carvajal drew with Cubinato Gonzalez, 6 and Peter Zapata, 8.

German Pardo stopped Antonio Gomez, 3. Negro Medina drew with Baby Orozco, 6. Nicolas Ascanio halted Jose Romero, 4. Cunning Andy defeated Rad Capistrano, 8, and Little Brown, 8.

Italian Champion Pietro Rollo whipped Juan Cadalso, 10. Frankie Young outboxed Duke deManalo, 6, and stopped Young Brazil, 1. Erundino Lopez kayoed Humberto Castell, 3.

Leo Espinosa outpointed bantamweight Little Cesar, 12.

WHO NEXT?

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Rex Layne and Nino Valdes is encouraging, the Pittsburgher will get very serious consideration.

If the fan reaction to Moore's fight with Bobo Olson is more favorable than the reaction to Baker's performances, Moore will get the call.

It is quite certain that Moore would intrigue the customers more than would Baker. However, let us not forget reactions and contingencies.

Baker would be no better than 6 to 1 against Marciano. Perhaps, no betting at all.

Moore, an old man but a wise one, would carry into the ring against the Rock remarkable know-how, the sapience of the old campaigner.

Moore did not do himself too much good with his 15 round decision over Valdes. Had Archie scored a knockout, he would have commanded immediate attention for a Marciano shot.

NEWS OF THE MAT WORLD

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another vocation, the band. She's a fine musician. She played clarinet and sax in the school band and later graduated to a ten piece dance orchestra.

Kathleen first became interested in wrestling through the annals of television. Since Billy Wolfe handles 95% of all girl grapplers, she immediately contacted him and he contracted her.

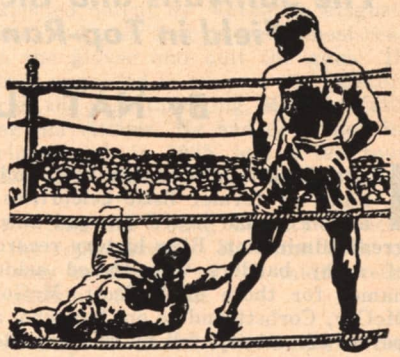
Her brother, Arthur, is a judo instructor in the Marines, and when he is home she keeps him busy teaching her new tricks of the trade.

Considered as one of the loveliest girls in high school, although on the tomboy side, she has retained her beauty on the mat to become a top money maker. Kathy is a clever ringman, fast and elusive and has a world of tricks up her sleeve.

Her favorite wrestlers are June Byers, champion of the world, and Nell Stewart, National TV champion.

Like many others in the business, Miss Wimbley loves to design clothes. She makes all of her own robes and clothes.

WHAT ARE THEY DOING NOW?



"MISSION KID" WILLIAMS

THERE was a time, some fifty years ago, when this country was brimming over with club fighters who received little publicity and less money for some ferocious battles which they waged.

One of them was "Mission Kid" Williams, who held the Pacific Coast lightweight title just after the turn of the century. He was a great puncher with either hand. Most of his 125 bouts, fought in and around San Francisco, were limited by regulation to four rounds but the Kid saw to it that few went even that distance.

It was Sailor Tom Sharkey, the great heavyweight of old, now gravely ill, who took the Mission Kid under his wing and started him off in the game, acting as manager and trainer of Williams in all his bouts. They didn't make much money in those days but, as the Kid recollects, they had a lot of fun and Old Tom and the Kid have maintained their life-long friendship. That is worth more to them than a wagonload of money.

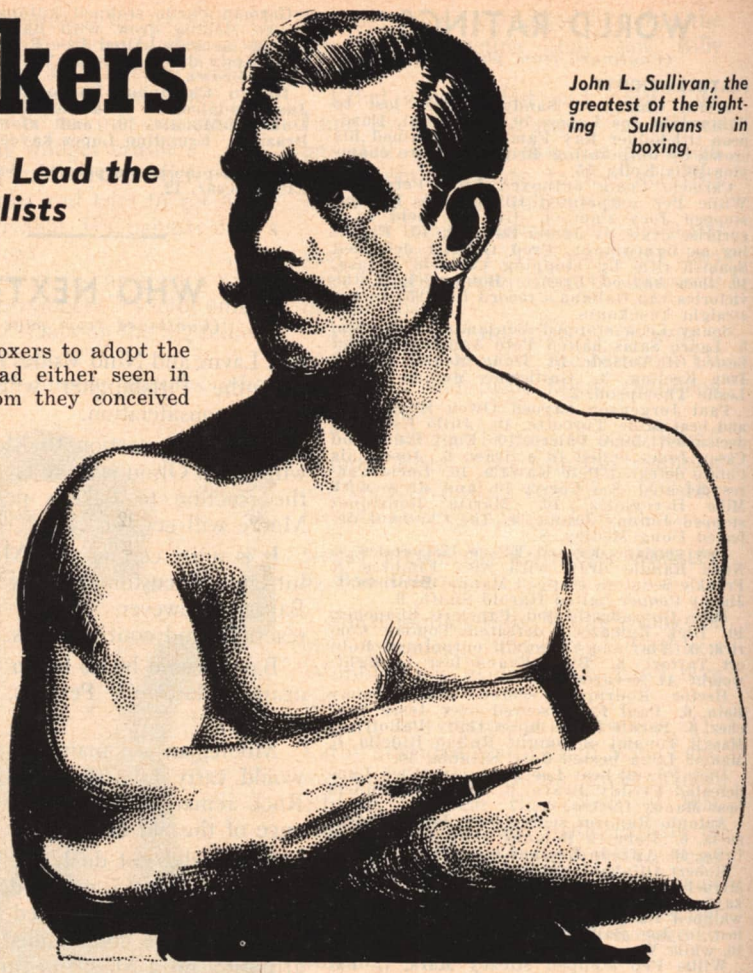
The Mission Kid, now 69 years young, has been retired for many years, living comfortably after having been a success in business. He resides in Portland, Ore., where he has been settled for many years.

They were all tough kids in those days, fistically speaking, and the Mission Kid was one of the toughest of them.

Proud Monikers

The Sullivans and the Corbetts Lead the Field in Top-Ranking Pugilists

By NAT FLEISCHER



John L. Sullivan, the greatest of the fighting Sullivans in boxing.

IT has long been a custom with ambitious young boxers to adopt the name of former fistic celebrities whom they had either seen in action or had heard or read about and for whom they conceived great admiration. Ring history records the names of many battlers who tossed aside their own names for those of Walcott, McGovern, Attell, McCoy, Corbett and so on, but who, after a short period of activity, fell by the wayside despite the proud noms-de-plume assumed.

There are on the other hand many cases in which the young man who decided to follow in the footsteps of a former fistic great, made good with a vengeance as in the case of the several Corbetts and McCoys. I recall on one occasion where a young giant entered a Chicago ring happy as a lark at the fact that he was announced to the patrons as Young John L. Sullivan, and forty seconds later he was carried out of the arena, after being flattened by a young Italian giant who was introduced as Battling Goovani.

As a rule boxers have steered clear of the name of John L., because they figured that it was too great a task to live up to the reputation as a scrapper of the famous Boston Strong Boy, but there have been many Sullivans who reached the top, or came close to it in their profession, among them Mike and Jack Twin Sullivan, Spike and Dave Sullivan and the famed Brooklyn Tommy Sullivan. But each of these won his place in the Hall of Fame through his own efforts without finding it necessary to invoke the magic of the family name.

TOM SHARKEY just missed being a champ only by an eyelash, but in later years the world's heavyweight title went to Jack Sharkey, another ex-gob, whose baptismal handle was Josef Paul Zukauskas something he might well be excused for not carrying into ring circles. Then there were "Jack" and "Jackie" Sharkey, each of whom attained prominence in the bantam division.

James J. Corbett has the distinction of having had his name selected for ring use by a trio of gladiators, each of whom cut a wide swathe in the pugilistic harvest during his time and generation. These were respectively, George Green, known as Young Corbett, the First; Billy Rothwell, tabbed Young Corbett, the Second; and Raffaele Giordano, hailed as Young Corbett, the Third, who won the welterweight title.

The first "Young Corbett" never won a title, but he missed being welter king by the closest kind of a shave. "Young Corbett II" knocked out Terry McGovern and many other good men and gained the featherweight crown. "Young Corbett III" also held the welter championship which he later lost to Jimmy McLarnin. Corbett III is of Italian parentage and birth. He came with his progenitors to this country when an infant in arms. The Giordanos settled in Pittsburgh, Pa., but later moved to Fresno, Calif.

There, in the grape country, the youngster grew to manhood. He received a good education, and being a muscular, agile kid, naturally turned to athletics, with boxing as a favorite pastime. He was a crackerjack amateur, packing an ugly kayo wallop, and from the first time he donned the gloves, he assumed the southpaw stance which he has retained to the present day.

Like most of the southpaws the ring has produced, he was subjected to a good deal of criticism by experienced boxers who did not approve of any departure from the orthodox sparring pose, and wanted him to change his methods. But the right-hand-and-foot extended stance suited the criticized one, and as he went along winning battles in his own way, he could see no reason for switching his style.

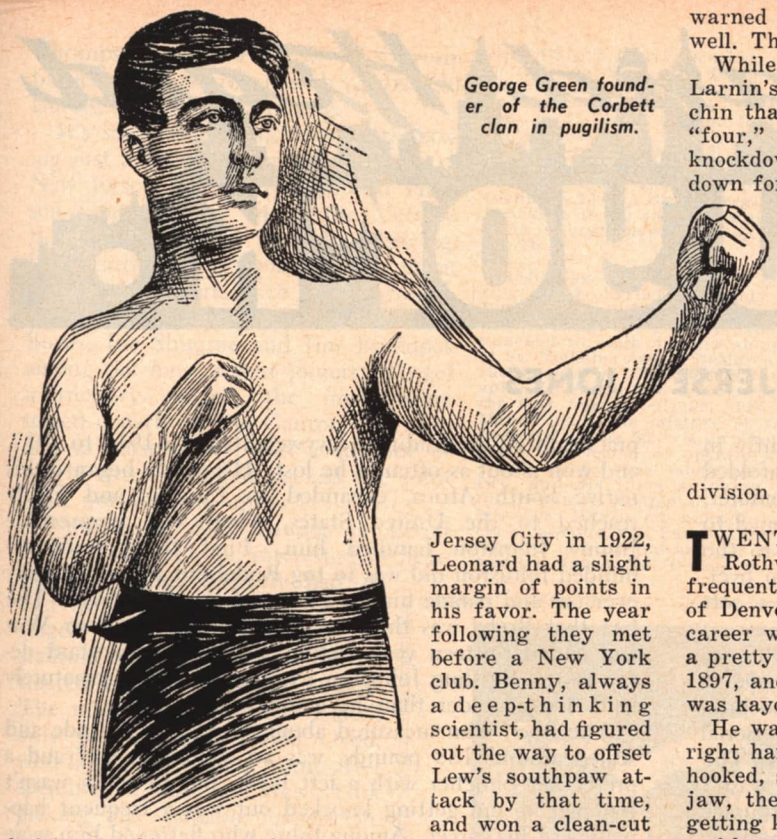
WHEN a certain style "comes natural" to a boxer it's usually fatal to his chances of success to persuade him into tackling opponents along different lines. You know what generally happens when some well-meaning but misguided person tries to turn a slam-bang rushing scrapper into a clever boxer, or vice versa. "Let well enough alone," is a pretty good motto to go by in all such cases.

The first southpaw to attain national prominence in the prize ring was William Thompson, better known in bare-knuckle chronicles as "Bendigo." He was twice heavyweight champion, winning the title in 1839 from Jem Burke. He retired in 1840, and registered a comeback five years later, when he defeated Ben Caunt, after two hours and ten minutes of savage milling, and was again crowned king of the big fellows.

History has a way of repeating itself, and veteran ring patrons will have no difficulty in recalling how close Knockout Brown, famous southpaw, came to kayoing Ad Wolgast, and winning the lightweight championship title in a ten round battle before a New York club in 1911.

Many sticklers for conventional boxing methods deplored Brown's insistence in adhering to the "right-and-out" attitude. But Brown's astute manager, the inimitable Dan Morgan, was quite content with the little Dutchman's unorthodox performances. Brown was a real artist at the game of belting 'em out in quick order, and Dan wisely refused to interfere with him.

Lew Tendler, the Philadelphia lightweight, was another "knock-'em-dead" southpaw who flourished while Benny Leonard reigned as champion of that class. Incidentally, Tendler was one of the hardest nuts Benny had to crack. In their first encounter, a 12 round, no decision affair at



George Green founder of the Corbett clan in pugilism.

Jersey City in 1922, Leonard had a slight margin of points in his favor. The year following they met before a New York club. Benny, always a deep-thinking scientist, had figured out the way to offset Lew's southpaw attack by that time, and won a clean-cut decision in fifteen rounds.

In 1914 Al McCoy won the middleweight championship by kayoing George Chip in one round. McCoy was a southpaw, deceptively clumsy in a ring, but possessed a wallop that was dynamically effective when it landed. He took some bad beatings in no decision bouts, but his endurance was extraordinary, and he held on to the middleweight title until Mike O'Dowd knocked him out in six rounds on November 14, 1917.

WHETHER Young Corbett III profited by studying the history of his predecessors in southpaw milling is unknown to the writer. In any case his own common sense would probably have been enough to hinder him from trying rash experiments while the guns he served were shelling his opponents into defeat.

His many brilliant victories as an amateur attracted the attention of the veteran lightweight, "Fighting Dick" Hyland, who foresaw an assured future for the youngster, and induced him to turn professional. How well the Italian youth vindicated Hyland's judgment in this respect is a matter of record.

Starting as a pro in 1929 he went to the post twenty-eight times up to the end of 1932, winning all but one engagement, the exception being when Paulie Walker held him to a ten round draw. During that time Young Corbett III tried hard to get a shot at the welterweight title, but this was denied him.

Yet in 1930 he demonstrated his superiority over Jackie Fields, who wore the welter crown; and Young Jack Thompson, the Negro lad who dethroned Fields. In each case the decision went to Corbett by a wide margin, but as both matches were overweight engagements, the coveted titled was not at stake.

Fields regained the welter title, and Corbett met and decisively whipped him in 1933, thereby winning the championship of the class.

It was in the same year that Young Corbett III experienced his first ring disaster. Defending his title against Jimmy McLarnin, he was kayoed in the opening round. It was a totally unexpected finish, for at the moment when the knockout came home, Corbett was outfighting the hard-hitting Irishman.

Where Corbett made his mistake was in thinking that McLarnin was "right hand crazy." He had been told to watch out for the Celt's right auctioneer, but nobody had warned him that McLarnin carried dynamite in his left as well. That little error was his undoing.

While he was concentrating all his attention on McLarnin's right, the latter whipped across a left hook to the chin that dropped Corbett for a nine count. He was up at "four," but groggy and helpless, after taking a second knockdown, and a third whizzing left on the jaw put him down for "keeps."

The unexpected defeat by McLarnin disgusted Corbett to such a degree that he was almost ready to hang up the gloves and quit the game. But better counsels prevailed in the end and he scored three victories the year following, Mickey Walker being among his victims. He had developed into a middleweight, and, in 1935, lost a ten round verdict to Lou Brouillard. Then he temporarily retired.

But not for long did Young Corbett III resist the call of the roped arena. He came back and worked his way to the top of the middleweight division before again retiring for good.

TWENTY-EIGHT years ago the short, stout figure of Billy Rothwell, "Young Corbett the Second," familiar to all frequenters of the Great White Way, died in his native city of Denver, Col. The date was April 10, 1927. His fighting career was spectacular while it lasted, and it spread over a pretty lengthy period, for his first battle stands listed in 1897, and his final ring engagement was in 1907, when he was kayoed by Kid Sullivan in Baltimore.

He was a colorful scrapper, a foxy ring general, and his right hand was loaded with knockout powders. Whether he hooked, swung, or jolted with that right on an opponent's jaw, the result for the smitten party was much akin to getting kicked by an army mule. His left was also effective, and he was an unusually acute judge of distance.

In fact, Young Corbett II may be said to have had most of the qualities needed to make a champion, although he never actually occupied a fistic throne. The greatest feat of his life was his knock out of Terry McGovern at Hartford, Conn., in two rounds. To the fight fans of that period that event was a sort of fistic earthquake.

McGovern was worshipped by a legion of admirers with equal fervor to that shown by the multitudes that considered John L. Sullivan invincible. The Denverite was utterly unknown to a majority of Eastern fight patrons, and even out through the Middle West, Young Corbett wasn't rated as future championship material. He had punched out quite a few opponents, but on the other hand, he had been rocked to sleep by Benny Yanger and Kid Broad, and there were always suspicions existing as to whether he was entirely game.

However that may have been, the Denver boxer certainly acted like a chap who felt convinced he had it on "Terrible Terry" before he climbed into the ring with the latter. The Denver slugger was always a great goat-getter. He could and did irritate an opponent to the verge of madness with spoken insults or jocular sneers, and trick them into making foolish moves that he was quick to take advantage of. He knew Terry had a red-hot temper, and deliberately planned to take advantage of the champion's weakness in that respect.

McGovern was in his dressing-room, attended by his faithful manager, Sam Harris, who was watching his charge getting a rubdown before going to the ring. Corbett got into his trunks and fighting shoes, and headed for the ring. En route, he halted at Terry's dressing-room door, pounded on the panel, and shouted:

"Come on out of that, McGovern, you yellow dog, what you hanging back for? Come and take your licking, you Irish rat. I'm goin' to make you jump over the ropes!"

It took the combined efforts of everyone in the dressing-room to keep McGovern from running out to mix with his prospective opponent then and there. As it was, Terry trembled with anger as he sat in his corner, awaiting the signal of the gong.

That was exactly what his tormentor had figured on—to make Terry lose his head-and it worked to perfection. McGovern flew at his adversary like a tiger, hammering away with both gloves. There was a lightning mixup.

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Seen and Heard in new york

By JERSEY JONES

THINKING of Tommy Burns, who died recently in Vancouver, we recalled an interesting yarn unfolded years ago by the late boxing and wrestling promoter, Jack Curley, about how the French-Canadian happened to get a crack at Marvin Hart and the latter's claim to the world heavyweight title. Burns actually was only an overblown middleweight at the time and considered a soft touch by the burly Hart.

After he eliminated Jack Root in Reno in 1905, in the bout that was supposed to determine a successor to the retired Jim Jeffries, Hart teamed with the veteran middleweight champion, Tommy Ryan, and began a personal appearance tour with Curley handling the bookings. The jaunt started in Chicago and headed westward. It wasn't too profitable, however, and by the time the entourage reached Montana everybody was discouraged. To make matters worse, it was mid-winter when the party landed in Butte, and the mercury was down around 45 degrees below zero.

"Let's get out of here, fast," unisoned Hart and Ryan to Curley. Jack was delegated to see what could be done about a date or two in California. He wired promoters in San Francisco and Los Angeles, asking if they'd be interested in using either or both of the champions.

Back came an offer from Uncle Tom McCarey in L. A. He could use the 35-year-old Ryan in a middleweight title bout with Burns. Ryan had Curley answer that he'd take the match if Burns would make 154 pounds ringside. McCarey replied that Burns wouldn't agree to less than 158 pounds at 3 o'clock the afternoon of the bout.

"What are you worrying about a guy who was just beaten by Jack Twin Sullivan?" Hart snorted to Ryan. "Go on; take the fight so we can get t'ell out of here."

"Yeah?" Ryan retorted. "Maybe this Burns isn't much, but he's young, tough and durable, and I'm getting too old to be playing around with that sort. If you're in such an infernal hurry to get out of here, why don't you fight Burns?"

"Don't be ridiculous," scoffed Hart. "He wouldn't fight me; he's too small."

"Why not find out?" suggested Ryan.

So Curley wired McCarey that Ryan was unavailable, but that Hart would gladly accommodate Burns—if Tommy wanted the bout.

Tommy did. He was a cocky individual, and even though it meant spotting height, reach and a load of weight to the 188-pound Hart, Burns was certain he could beat the bulky Kentuckian.

The bout was held February 23, 1906, and Burns, an expected easy workout for Hart, turned in a startling upset by winning decisively in twenty rounds.

While reminiscing about Burns, it was a bit of grim coincidence to hear that George (Boer) Rodel, 67, one of the better known if not better talented developments of the giddy "white Hope Era", had died in Brooklyn.

Rodel wasn't much of a fighter, but he tangled with practically all the leading heavyweights from 1911 to 1917, and won about as often as he lost. His career began in his native South Africa, expanded to Europe, and finally reached to the United States, where the irrepressible Jimmy Johnston handled him. First thing publicity-minded Johnston did was to tog Rodel out in an old army overcoat and parade him as a hero of the Boer War. The fact that Rodel was then twenty-four, and the Boer War had ended thirteen years before, was an unimportant detail to the hustling Johnston. At that, Rodel, prematurely bald, looked older than he actually was.

The Boer, who measured about six feet in altitude and scaled around 188 pounds, was an aggressive sort and a pretty fair puncher with a left hook, but his chin wasn't too rugged and getting knocked out was a frequent happening in his career. Among those who flattened him were Sam McVey, Joe Jeannette, Bombardier Wells, Tom Cowler, Jim Coffey, Gunboat Smith, Jess Willard, Carl Morris, Porky Flynn, Andre Anderson and Bill Brennan. (There never has been a braver manager than Jimmy Johnston.)

But Rodel's record wasn't quite as woeful as it would seem. The Boer may have been flattened often, but he also did a fair amount of punching himself, and among those he spilled were Sailor White, Jack Heinan, Fred McKay and Al Nelson. He also won from Sailor Fred Fritts, drew with Dan Daly, and waded through no-decision bouts with Tim Logan, Jake (Young) Ahearn, Howard Morrow, Jack (Twin) Sullivan, Fireman Jim Flynn, Jack Geyer, George (One-Round) Davis and Charley Weinert.

When he quit the ring, Rodel drifted quietly away from the sock market, settled in Brooklyn with his family, and in recent years had worked as a longshoreman.

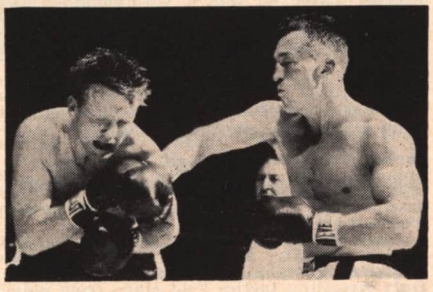
POT-SHOTS. . . . A dispatch from Hollywood says Benny Leonard's life story will be filmed shortly, and we trust that, for once, the producer will not mess things up with a glob of distorted facts and silly romance. Leonard was one of the ring's most illustrious representatives—brilliant boxer, deadly sharpshooter, superb strategist and colorful showman. He was active in both World Wars—in the first as boxing instructor at Camp Upton, on Long Island, and in the second as a Coast Guardsman, finishing with a lieutenant-commander's rating. There is enough real stuff in Leonard's life to make an interesting story, and we hope Hollywood, for a change, will foresake fantasy and do a reasonably authentic job on Benny.

If and when Don Cockell gets around to defending his British heavyweight title, it'll be against his stablemate, Jack Gardner, a former champion. John Simpson manages both rivals. Gardner qualified for a shot at his old laurels by turning in a surprising five-round knockout of Johnny Williams, another erstwhile champion, in the fifth round of an "eliminator" in Nottingham. . . . Stablemates fighting for a national title is not unusual in Britain. . . . Five years ago two of Benny Huntman's entries, Billy

Thompson and Tommy McGovern, battled it out for the British lightweight laurels, McGovern winning.

It's somewhat ironic that, with boxing just a fond memory in the state of New Jersey, the newly-organized Hudson County Ring 14 of the Veteran Boxers Association is really thriving. It's membership is rapidly closing in on the hundred mark, with such outstanding old-timers as Jeff Smith, Frankie Burns, Joe Shugrue and Jim Braddock among the most recent joiners. To get a treasury started, the organization tossed a party at the Canton Tea Garden in Jersey City, and a turnout of nearly three hundred packed the joint (and not for tea, either.)

Note from Alex Lauder in far-off Haifa: "You may be interested in hearing that Israel recently had its first professional fight. It was staged in the open-air Ramat Gan stadium near Tel-Aviv, and attracted a crowd of nearly 10,000. The main event featured Israel's only pro scrapper, David Oved, who had just returned home after spending a year in New York picking up valuable experience under the management of Jimmy Bronson and training of Jimmy August. Oved's opponent was the Italian veteran, Amleto Falcinelli, and David was an easy winner in eight rounds. Since Oved was the only local pro available, the preliminary card consisted of four amateur bouts."



In an unusual sight these days—two Irishmen in a Madison Square Garden main event—Paddy Young (right) proved too steady for young Billy McNeece and outslugged him in an old-fashioned back-alley brawl.

THE month's results:

With the exodus of Ringling Bros.-Barnum & Bailey circus, boxing returned (and on Friday, the 13th) to Madison Square Garden after an absence of seven weeks, but there wasn't much of a welcoming committee on hand for the occasion. The attendance was announced as a sparse 2,819, but the South American contingent, rooting for Eduardo Lausse, 157½, Argentina, was noisy enough for a sellout crowd. Lausse finished the stronger to edge out Ralph (Tiger) Jones, 157½, Yonkers, in a rousing, free-punching ten. The plodding Jones had the better of the early going, and by the fourth round Lausse's features were a mass of cuts and gore. Gashed over both eyes, he was bleeding so profusely that Dr. Vincent Nardiello checked him three times during the fight. The awkward but willing Argentino survived the rough going, however, and improved as the bout progressed. Using an effective left hook, Lausse did some heavy scoring during the closing rounds, and was much stronger than Jones in the final drive. Having won two previous semi-finals in Syracuse, Ray Drake, 157½, Brooklyn, made it three straight over much-lighter Eddie Price, 149, Poughkeepsie, by taking the decision in the pentultimate eight. Yama Bahama, 150, Bimini, Fla., whipped Mario Terry, 149, Mexico, in six. In fours, Frank Bombiani, 149¾, Ambridge, Pa., decisioned Warren Hegge, 152, Brooklyn, and Carlos Ortiz, 133, Bronx, stopped Danny Roberts, 138, Newark, at 2:55 of the third. The gross gate was $7,436.

After three years and 156 consecutive Monday night presentations, Eastern Parkway Arena ended its career as a major TV fight studio—temporarily, if not permanently—by giving a couple of promising kids a chance to strut their stuff before the video cameras. Going beyond six rounds for the first time, Hardy Smallwood, 155¾, Brooklyn, stepped the ten-round distance in fine style, edging his way to a split decision over rugged, more experienced Bob Provizzi, 160, Freeland, Pa. It was a hard-fought affair all the way, and Smallwood, fighting less than a year, showed definite possibilities in posting his 13th victory in fourteen starts. Ricardo King, 161¾, Pittsburgh, outpointed the awkward veteran Harold (Izzy) Drucker, 160, East Side, in the semi-final six. In another six, Billy Lepido, 150, Bronx, hustled his way to a decision over Bobby Shell, 144½, Washington, D. C. In a trio of fours, Hosie Boil, 177½, Hempstead, whipped the old journeyman, Jimmy Walls, 182¾, Englewood, N. J.; Fred McArthur, 146½, Brooklyn, had the better of Sonny Lord, 144, Bronx, and Richie Glennon, 159¼, Bronx, registered the only knockout of the night by stopping a borough rival, George Mercer, 160½, at 1:41 of the fourth.

Resuming where they left off in the same ring six weeks before, Paddy DeMarco, 140, Brooklyn, and Libby Manzo, 138, Elmhurst, butted mauled, wrestled and occasionally punched through another sloppy ten rounds at St. Nicholas Arena, DeMarco again getting the benefit of the officials' not-too-popular split decision. The affair was a replica of the first boring episode. The inexperienced Manzo made the mistake of trying to beat DeMarco at the latter's own roughouse style. When he elected to operate at long range, young Libby was much the better of the two, and his lusty swinging had DeMarco in trouble a couple of times. Too often, however, Manzo let himself be bulled into close qaurters, and Paddy knew too much for him in pulling-and-hauling tactics. It's a wonder Manzo didn't wind up with a dislocated neck from DeMarco's headlocks. One thing the bout definitely proved—DeMarco has had it. The one-time lightweight champion's old confidence has gone; his boxing is ragged and sluggish, and there's nothing left of his former hustle and bustle. Paddy fights now like a tired old man. Johnny Carr, 128½, Brooklyn, decisioned Tommy Bain, 126½, Indianapolis, Ind., in the semi-final six. In another six, Embrel Davidson, 206, Detroit, repeated a previous win over Chubby Wright, 193, Reading, Pa. In fours, George Chimenti, 148½, Yonkers, won from Jackie Orlando, 146½, Bronx, and Frank LaPola, 167, Orange, N. J., decisioned Jimmy Garcia, 163¼, Puerto Rico.

Partially atoning for the fifth-round knockout tossed into him in the same ring during the summer of 1953, Ramon Fuentes, 153¾, Los Angeles, staged a strong finish to earn a draw with Gil Turner, 154½, Philadelphia, in a hard-fought ten in Madison Square Garden. With his swarming aggressiveness, Turner had the better of the early rounds, repeatedly bulling Fuentes into corners and against the ropes, but Gil no longer had his former speed and stamina, and as the fight progressed his steam and effectiveness gradually evaporated. The slap-dash Fuentes began to take charge at the half-way marks, and from then on generally had the better of the mauling in close and the trading at long range. Turner had no defense for Fuentes' sweeping left hook to the head and was repeatedly jolted by it. Squaring accounts for the only defeat in his 15-bout pro career, 19-year-old Harold Carter, 190, Linden, N. J., won from Wayne Bethea, 191½, Bronx, in a mauling semi-final eight. Referee Joe LoScalzo became so weary prying the rivals apart from their frequent clinches that he fell down in the last round. He was up immediately, however, and refused to take a count. Another scheduled eight was halted at the end of the sixth, Tommy Barto, 138½, Pittsburgh, getting credit for a kayo over Frank Ippolito, 137¾, Bronx. In fours, Ernest Giddings, 171, Philadelphia, won from Leroy Green, 173½, Harlem, and Johnny Gorman, 140¾, West Side, decisioned Freddie Messina, 139½, Patterson, N. J. Official statistics were not released, but the attendance looked about 1,000 and the gross gate $4,500.

No longer able to take a solid sock on the chin, Joe Miceli, 148½, East Side, was demolished in a hurry by Virgil Akins, 145, St. Louis, at St. Nicholas Arena. The thing lasted only 2:41 of one round and was automatically halted by Referee Ray Miller when Miceli hit the canvas for the third time. The quick win gave Akins ample revenge for a decision Miceli had taken from him in Milwaukee three years before. With his wide-open, lunging style, Miceli started fast, but Akins had no trouble avoiding the East Sider's wild swings. The affair had gone about a minute when Akins stunned Miceli with a left, then dropped him with another left. Stumbling up at three, Joe took the mandatory eight, and was promptly floored by another left. Once more he staggered up, took the eight-count, and tried to cover up as Akins tore in for the kill. Virgil drove him across the ring and decked him for Knockdown No. 3, this time with a right to the chin. Eddie Lynch, 147¼, West Side, whipped Del Bowens, 154, Bronx, in the semi-final six. Danny Mendoza, 138, West Side, drew with Frankie Madison, 136½, Bronx, in another six. In fours, Rudy Stewart, 143¼, Long Island City, outpointed Rick Montell, 140, Bronx; Mario Pineiro, 148¼, Bronx, decisioned a borough rival, Bobby Nelson, 145½; Warren Hegge, 155½, Brooklyn, whipped Billy Montella, 157½, Long Island City, and Neely Welch, 156, drew with a fellow-Brooklynite, Jimmy Skinner, 158.

Feathers really flew when those speedy Brooklyn rivals, Carmelo Costa, 129½, and Lulu Perez, 126¾, stepped through ten rounds of the fastest and cleanest boxing seen in Madison Square Garden in quite a spell. The more consistent Costa won the decision, but needed one of the finest performances of his younthful career to do it. Carmelo was the steadier of the pair, and his shifty boxing and accurate two-handed punching more than offset Perez's sporadic outbursts and harder but less regular hitting. The bout was so cleanly fought and free of clinches that Referee Mark Conn had practically nothing to do but stay out of the combatant's way. Bobby Boyd, 159½, Chicago, used his long reach to decision Sonny Bunn, 157, Washington, D. C., in the semi-final eight. Henry Winchman, 140½, East Side, squared accounts for a previous defeat in the same ring by outpointing a neighborhood rival, Itzy Wallach, 145½, in six. In another six, cut to four because of TV time, Willie Brown, 135, Brooklyn, whipped Iggy Maldonado, 136, Bronx. In a pair of fours, John Moscatello, 146¼, Brooklyn, had the better of Phil Sabater, 146¼, Harlem, and Tony Danto, 164¼, Brooklyn, drew with Mickey McGrath, 169, Bronx. Considering the personal popularity of the main-bout rivals, the attendance was a disappointing 1,000, with the gate receipts estimated at about $5,000. Explanation offered was a combination of mid-summer weather, a Giants-Dodgers ball game and the beginning of a holiday-weekend.

After watching his inept performance at St. Nicholas Arena against young Gene Poirer, 146½, Niagara Falls, N. Y., one couldn't help wondering just how Miguel Diaz, 146½, Cuba, was able to win decisions from the likes of Joey Klein, Rocky Casillo, Pat Lowry and Freddie (Babe) Herman in Miami Beach. Touted as an exceptionally clever boxer, the baby-faced Cuban displayed nothing to warrant his Florida reputation. Poirer outclassed him from the start, and nearly ended matters in the first round when he dumped Diaz with a right to the jaw. After that, Miguel skittered and scampered all over the premises with Poirer in hot pursuit. Gene finally cornered the Cuban in the fourth, blasted him with both hands, drove him across the ring and slugged him through the ropes. At this point, Referee Barney Felix decided things had gone far enough and he called a halt. Time of round: 2:17. Jimmy Moulton, 134½, West Side, outpointed Tony de Cola, 137, Brooklyn, in the semi-final six. Johnny Orgen, 202½, Bronx, played a winning tune on the veteran Jimmy Walls, 187, Englewood, N. J., in another six. In fours, Carlos Ortiz, 133½, Bronx, stopped Juan Pacheco, 136¾, Harlem, at 1:19 of the second, and Rudy Stewart, 142, Long Island City, outpointed Hector Henitz, 145¾, Brooklyn.

In a lusty back-alley brawl, with science conspicuous by its absence, Paddy Young, 163¼, Greenwich Village, outslugged Billy McNeece, 167½, Central Islip, in a free-swinging, give-and-take ten in Madison Square Garden. An unusual feature of the affair was that it pitted against each other two Irishmen, a rare development in Garden main events nowadays. It was a slam-bang, you-hit-me-I'll-hit-you sockfest with both

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By BILL MILLER

A TURNAWAY crowd of 10,400 fans paid a gross of $36,250.69 at the Olympic Auditorium, L. A., to see Art (Golden Boy) Aragon score the unanimous 10-round verdict over Don Jordan, state lightweight champ, in a terrific tussle. Thousands were turned away.

It was Aragon's 29th fight under the promotion of Cal Eaton, and boosted his gate-receipts aggregate to the astounding mark of $948,000. When he hits the million-dollar mark, Aragon is in line for a solid gold, diamond-studded life-time pass for all events at the Olympic Auditorium. He wheedled and needled Promoter Cal Eaton into such a promise.

As for the Aragon-Jordan fight, the Golden Boy was dropped in Round 3 for a count of eight—and Jordan has the distinction of being the third man in 84 fights to turn the trick—i.e., score a knockdown over Art. (The weights: Aragon 146½; Jordan 143½.)

A whistling right hand turned the trick, and it was only Aragon's vastly greater experience that enabled him to survive the round. Jordan seemed to turn timid after dropping the Golden Gabber.

The knockdown only served to heighten the suspense, and the vast crowd was on edge from then on. Fans saw a magnificent display of courage on the part of Aragon; he tore in doggedly, whipping in punches from all angles, and scoring effectively with a right-hand uppercut. Jordan seemed to tire in the closing rounds. He claimed later that he was hit in the Adam's apple in the 7th.

At all events, Aragon received a tremendous ovation as he left the ring. This was unusual. Generally he gets king-sized boos.

All three officials—Referee Abe Roth, Judges John Thomas and Tommy Hart—turned in identical cards: 56-54.

In the TV ten, Lauro Salas, 129¼, scored a 10th-round TKO over Pete Aguirre, 132, thereby avenging a former defeat. Aguirre decisioned Lauro in Sacramento last July in Salas' first comeback scrap. Salas dropped Aguirre in the 2nd heat for an 8-count.

The fours: Ruben Salazar, 130, decisioned Julian Velasquez, 130; Bobby Robleto, son of Canto, 124½, decisioned Carlos Perez, 125½, in a thriller (Bobby's first pro fight); and Joey Brooks, 160½, decisioned Art Dixon, 160½.

▶ They call him Old Man River, and well they might, for Carlos Chavez, grand old vet, just keeps rolling along. At the Olympic Auditorium, his alma mater, Chavez annexed the unanimous verdict over courageous Morris Leveige, Oakland, in the non-TV ten. Chavez, 143; Leveige, 142.

In the TV-ten, Tombstone Smith, 150, won a split decision over Sonny Gill, 154½. It was Smith's second triumph over the clever Gill—and he's the only man to mar Gill's record as a pro.

Gill made a desperate last-round rally, but it was too little and too late to affect the verdict.

The fours: Billy Filippo, 161, drew with Candy McGilmore, 159; Ricci Palma, 129, decisioned Jimmy Paul, 125; and Art Dixon, 157½, KO (1) over Sammy Nick, 156.

Buddy Evatt, 133½, was 3-1 choice over Leroy Richards, 129, at Hollywood Legion Stadium, and some 1,500 fans saw him win a split decision over the rangy colored lad.

Evatt rolled up an early lead which seemed to justify the odds, but Leroy came with a rush and a roar in the closing rounds to give the price-makers some heart tremors. A left to the head had Evatt in trouble in the 9th.

Referee Jimmy Wilson and Judge Frank Holborow turned in identical score-cards, 56-54; but Judge Russ Bradford had Richards in front, 55½-54½.

In the six-round semi, Tony Pelino, 157, decisioned Tony Renteria, 159. The verdict was unanimous.

The fours: Jesse Jones, 140, decisioned Wild Bill Elliott, 135; Paul Armstead, 128½, TKO (2) over Johnny O'Keefe, 128; and Fernando La Doll, 149, TKO (2) over Rico Riveron, 147.

▶ Ed Beck, well-known Los Angeles business-man, was appointed to the State Athletic Commission by Governor Goodwin Knight. The appointment met with popular approval.

▶ Joe Stone, one of the most capable boxing arbiters in California ring history, has authored a movie: "The World In His Corner," in which Audie Murphy, No. 1 hero of World War II, plays the lead.

Some well-known boxers have been signed by Universal-International in important roles. Prominent among them are Chico Vejar and Art Aragon. Vejar, a drama student at N.Y.U., may remain in California for a few fights, following completion of his film activities.

It is particularly gratifying, and most unusual, for a movie studio to produce a fight story written by a fight man, and one as well-versed in all facets of the game as Joe Stone.

A protege of the late, great George V. Blake, Stone was a classy boxer, particularly adept with his left hand—as were all Blake's pupils. Later he was a Lieutenant in the U. S. Navy, served under the late Captain Jack Kennedy, another man whose name is revered by boxing folks.

▶ Sports items from Reno, Nevada seldom get datelines in Germany, but the exception occurred when Hans Friedrich, heavyweight from Dortmund, showed his fighting mettle in a contest with Howard King. Papers throughout the Fatherland carried the disappointing story that Friedrich, 194, had been knocked down 14 times in his ten round session with the Nevada sharpshooter, who weighed 184.

After the bout Friedrich said he was out on his feet after King had belted him with a smashing right to the jaw in the third. Only wrestling tactics kept Hans from going down for the count in the later rounds. Most ringsiders lost tab on the number of knockdowns—and in a couple of the rounds the bout would have ended if the three-knockdown rule was in effect.

Near the close, most of the 3,000 fans were cheering for the courageous invader to last the distance.

In the special event, Russel Davis, 139, Reno, fought a 6 round draw with Don Ernston, 147, Salt Lake City. Both warriors bled profusely.

Prelim fours: Paul Smith, 132, KO'd Bobby Fatchel, 129, in 4; Stanley Davis, 127, decisioned Vernon Campo, 129; Tony Urrea, 143, stopped Benny Bienvenu, 144, in 2.

▶ Ruben Vargas, 178, of Richmond, carrying an undefeated string since turning pro, ran into too much experience when he fought in his first main event. Roger Rischer, 183, Oakland, took the eight round decision from Ruben in the final bout at Richmond's Auditorium.

It was a hard fought battle throughout, with Rischer's ring savvy proving the deciding point. Both fighters remained erect, but took turns staggering each other, especially in the late rounds.

Referee Jack Silver scored it 47-41 for Rischer.

Prelims: Dave Johnson, 148, decisioned Charley Courtney, 4; George Mojica, 159, TKO'd Al Loretz, 162, in 4; Raul Flores, 240, stopped Joe Louis III, 184, in 3.

▶ NuNu Randle, 130, put up his usual slambang fight, but had to be satisfied with a draw in his eight round encounter with veteran Alex Fimbres, 131, of Phoenix. They traded wallops in the main event at Richmond's Memorial Auditorium.

Randle took the offensive early, and up to the halfway mark had a definite lead. He inflicted a cut above Fimbres' right eye, and the bleeding from this wound hampered Alex throughout the engagement.

The turning point came in the fifth, when Fimbres almost dropped Randle with a forceful volley. From then on Fimbres cut down the point advantage of his young opponent.

The gross was $2,549.

In the scheduled six round special, Lyle Mackin, 148, Oakland, TKO'd Edgar Jones, 149, Merced, in the third.

Four rounders: Dick Carrillo, 148, decisioned Sam Lockhart, 152; Kenny Willis, 139, outpointed Frank Elias, 137; Johnny Castro, 137, decisioned Bob Rubi, 140.

Admirers of Joey Lopes, brilliant Sacramento lightweight, are enthusiastic, but also factual, and there was considerable anxiety among them when their favorite clashed with featherweight champion Sandy Saddler in Sacramento's Memorial Auditorium. But Joey showed no fear of his formidable foe, and Saddler, who was gunning for his 100th knockout, found himself fighting desperately to remain erect.

Lopes' long range attack staggered the champion in three separate rounds. The Sacramento lad made his most devastating offensive in the ninth, when he knocked out Saddler's mouthpiece.

Though he led on points throughout, Joey took a solid body pounding, and also received a forehead cut which bled profusely.

Judge Merle Ziegler scored it 58-51; Judge Fred Bottaro, 57-52 and Referee Johnny Bassanelli, 57-52, all for Lopes. It was in this same ring that Lopes scored a TKO over Percy Bassett several months ago.

Weights: Saddler, 130½; Lopes, 133¼.

More than 4,500 fans attended, paying $16,271 gross. Jackie King promoted.

Walter Robinson, 184, KO'd Jimmy Jackson, 183, in 1; Mike Mitchell, 135, stopped Dave Brown, 133, in 1; Johnny Coulson, 150, decisioned Chris Christianson, 156, in 4; Abe Nance, 148, outpointed R. D. Glasgow, 155, in 4; Zeke Robinson, 172, drew with Sonny Ray, in 6.

▶ Jorge Macias, San Jose, 139, hero of an upset win over Lou Filippo some five weeks ago, was a 2-1 underdog in a return go with Filippo at Hollywood Legion Stadium. But betting odds don't decide fights; and this time Macias racked up a 7th round TKO over Filippo, 139.

At the end of the seventh, Filippo had acquired a deep gash over his right eye, plus a lump as big as an ostrich egg (well, a small ostrich) over the left orb.

Referee Abe Roth, for more than thirty years one of California's ace arbiters, went into conference with Jackie McCoy, Filippo's pilot. They agreed that the courageous Filippo had suffered enough.

Mickey Northrup, 139, decisioned Timmie Jefferson, 137½, in the six-round semi. This was a mild upset.

The fours: Don McCoy, 147, decisioned Billy Blevins, 145; Richie McLane, 150, decisioned Alex Diaz, 147; and Herman Duncan, 122, TKO (4) over Richard Coca, 118.

▶ Jerry Mullany sends in these Northern California jottings: Billy Leonard, national amateur featherweight champ in 1906, later boxing coach at the Olympic Club, died in San Francisco. . . . Historic Ryan's Arena, in Fresno, is slated as a 1956 casualty to make way for a new freeway. . . . San Francisco freeway link to the Cow Palace is now completed, and a former one-hour motor trip from the hotel district is now cut to 15 minutes.

▶ The late Russ Newland, A.P. sports editor, will have his name perpetuated in annual awards sponsored by the Northern California Boxing Reporters Association, according to word just received from my good amigo Jack Fiske, of the San Francisco Chronicle.

This is a newly formed group of writers and sportscasters covering territory from Fresno to Eureka. An annual banquet is planned at the end of each year to honor leading lights of pugilism. Five plaques will be awarded in the following categories: 1—Man who contributed most to boxing during the year. 2—Outstanding boxer. 3—Best fight of the year. 4—Best preliminary boxer. 5—Most promising boxer.

These honors will be based on Northern California activity.

Russ Newland (my good friend for more than a quarter of a century, died last January. He was loved and respected by all who knew him, and I hope in the years to come that the Russ Newland Awards will become as much a fixture, as traditional, as the Edward J. Neil Awards. Eddie Neil, also an A.P. man, died in '38, in Spain.

▶ Jose Luis Cotero, 129, won a tight-fit unanimous verdict over Pete Kawula, 129, Chicago, at Ocean Park Arena. Two short-count knockdowns scored by Cotero enabled him to get his hand raised. The decision was not popular.

Bobby Ross, 157, KO (6) over Hank Davis, 160, in the semi. The fours: Baby Tagalog, 127, decisioned Ricci Palma, 130; Ernie Fields, 187, KO (1) over Kid Percy, 203; and Lloyd Fowler, 138, decisioned Pete Neverette, 139.

▶ Keeny Teran, the Problem Child of California boxing, 111, passed out of the pugilistic picture at Hollywood Legion Stadium when Memo Diez, 111½, of Mexico, knocked him out in 1:22, 3rd round.

Immediately thereafter, Co-managers Jackie Leonard and Don Chargin announced that they had released Teran from his contract. It was a rather superfluous gesture; it is doubtful if Keeny will ever get another license in this state.

Teran was suspended indefinitely by the State Athletic Commission, adding insult to injury, on the ground that he may have been under the influence of narcotics. Clayton Frye, of the Commission, stated that Keeny would be given extensive tests to ascertain his true condition.

"If he refuses to take them, he's through for good", declared Frye. Keeny disappeared after the fight.

Consensus of the officials and ringsiders was that Teran could have arisen before the referee, Frankie Van, reached the fatal count of ten. Keeny refused comment when this accusation was made, point-blank, after the fight.

"I don't want to say anything", he mumbled.

Then he cry-babied: "It's all Hap Navarro's fault. I was tricked into a 15-round match." (Navarro is the Legion matchmaker.)

Since he failed to answer the bell for the 4th, it is difficult to understand Keeny's line of reasoning.

George Parnassus, who handled Diez, announced that he was posting a $5,000 bond for Pascual Perez, world flyweight champ, to defend his title against the rugged little Mexican this summer.

So ended the upsy-downsy career of the most controversial scrapper in modern California ring history.

In the six-round semi, Paul Felix, 122, decisioned Jesse Sanchez, 121½. The fours: Jerry Marcus, 141, dropped a close verdict to Bill Elliott, 141; Frank Hayens, 182, decisioned Chico Flores, 191; and Bobby Ramajo, 136½, scored a 2-round TKO over Billy Frazier, 136, in the opener.

▶ Neal Rivers, Las Vegas, 154, scored a 7-round kayo over Bones Davis, Wilmington, in the main event at Ocean Park Arena, scheduled for ten.

Al Nevarez, 134, racked up his tenth straight win in the six-round semi-final by trouncing George Reyes, 137.

The fours: Tacho Mendoza, 122, decisioned Kid Coca, 118½; Rocky Slater, 153, TKO (2) over Rickey Forte, 158; and Ricci Palma, 128½, decisioned Red Emory, 132.

▶ One of the weirdest happenings in this writer's experience took place at the Olympic Auditorium, L. A.

Well ahead on points, Govan Small, of Oakland, 158, went into the tenth round of his fight with Petey Servin, 162, apparently with the verdict all wrapped up.

With only about 20 seconds to go in the final round, one of the telephones in the press row set up a clangor. Govan, who evidently possesses very senstitive hearing, mistook it for the timekeeper's bell. He dropped his hands, turned his back to walk to his corner. That's when it happened.

Servin, more alert, hauled off with a terrific left hook that nailed Small on the button. Govan dropped to the canvas like a felled ox. He wobbled to his feet, but was obviously unable to continue. Thus, with 11 seconds to go, the sure-fire winner, Small, lost by a knockout. Referee Dynamite Jackson stopped the fight.

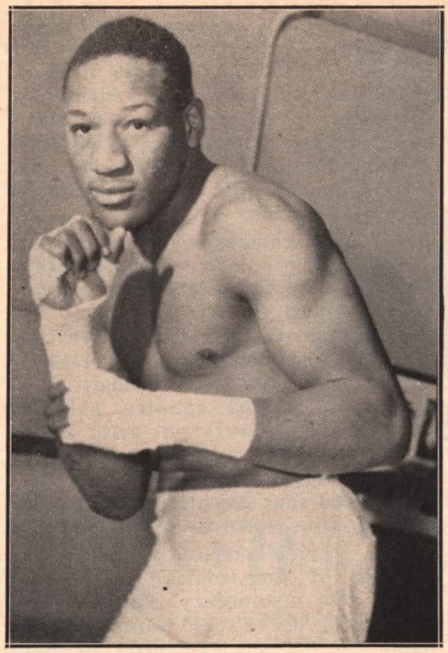
In the companion ten, Charlie Sawyer, 145, survived two early knockdowns to TKO Ernie Greer, 148½, in the 8th round.

The fours: Jesse Resendez, 128½, decisioned Denver Billy Smith, 128; Richard Jones, 154, decisioned Joey Brooks, 158; and Lloyd Fowler, 139, decisioned Jimmy Gallegos, 139.

While international interest centered on the Marciano-Cockell fight, several thousand of the spectators made sure to arrive early to see the moderately well publicized performers on the supporting card of the heavyweight title program at San Francisco's Kezar stadium. Center of discussion among many observers were Toxie Hall, Chicago heavyweight who knocked down champion Marciano in training; Bob Albright of Los Angeles, who performed a similar indignity while sparring with Challenger Cockell, and Zora Folley, described by Southern California writers as "that sparkling ringman with the very unpugilistic name".

Folley, who had a creditable victory string in Arizona and Los Angeles rings, was matched most closely. Those who expect him to be in the top contender ranks by next year were not disappointed when he ripped into tough Howard King of Reno and put him out of contention in a single round. Weights, Folley, 190, King, 187.

Toxie Hall, 199, outpointed John Harding of Los Angeles in a six rounder. Bob Albright, 216, outpointed Keene Simmons, 220, of Bayonne, N. J. in six. Ron Harmon, 205,



Johnny Summerlin, Detroit, Mich., heavyweight, campaigning in California, who ended the promising career of Charley Powell with a knock out, in his most recent start won a split ten from State heavyweight champion Young Jack Johnson.

England, stopped Bill Mathias, 228, Eureaka, Calif., in the first. Reuben Vargas, 180, halted Rocky Burton, 177, San Francisco, in one round.

▶ Little Pimi Barajas, 116½, was an absolute unknown when he stepped into the ring against Frankie Campos, 118, at the Olympic Auditorium, L. A. It was Pimi's first start in this country; the day before he celebrated his 18th birthday.

The decision went to Campos, and justifiably so, for he dropped Pimi in the third for a 2-count.

But the fight was hailed and acclaimed as the greatest TV-ten seen here in half a dozen years. The stocky little Aztec staged a terrific stretch run to close Campos' eye in the 7th, and maintain a furious pace throughout.

Delighted fans showered down with bills and silver; more than $100 was tossed into the ring.

Seldom has a fighter been given such acclaim as was bestowed upon Barajas when he left the ring. He lost the decision, but he won a houseful of friends and admirers.

In the companion ten, non-TV, heavyweight Johnny Summerlin, 193, kayo conqueror of Charley Powell on his last appearance, won a split decision over the state heavyweight champ,, Young Jack Johnson, 207. Johnson came with a rush and a roar in the closing rounds, but the Detroiter had tallied too many points in the earlier cantos.

The fours: Jesse Jones, 140, TKO (2) over Paul Baker, 136; Billy Blevins, 143, decisioned Alex Diaz, 147; and Norbert Galindo, 128, TKO (2) over Leo Mancini, 128.

▶ Promoters throughout California keep close tab on Richmond, because this busy boxing center constantly develops new drawing cards. Current favorite of the Oil City fans is Leonard Gaines, sharp hitting lightweight, who placed himself more in demand by stopping tough Tommy Manaois in eight rounds. Last year this pair went to a draw at Stockton.

Manaois was just as ringwise and rugged as in 1954, but Gaines showed marked improvement. So the Gaines' punches which "just missed" last year were hitting the mark constantly in the Richmond match. The battle was slated for ten, but when the eighth session rolled around Referee Ray Flores figured the Los Angeles fighter had enough, and halted the contest. Each battler weighed 135.

Promoter Johnny Munro's card drew $1736.

Lyle Mackin, undefeated Oakland welterweight, knocked out Curley Daniels of Stockton in the third round of the scheduled six in the semi-windup. A right to the jaw ended proceedings. Poundage: Mackin, 148; Daniels, 150.

In another six, Joe Gallegos, 141, decisioned Mickey Jordan, 143.

Scheduled fours: Abe Nance, 148, KO'd Johnny Milton, 143 in 2; Candy Mack, 159, outpointed Marlin Monroe, 161; Mike Mitchell, 133, dec. Manny Granados, 134; Dick Carrillo, 145 won on a disqualification over Sam Lockhart, 150, in 3.

▶ Lanky Johnny Hart, Arizona lightweight, just about wrecked the career of Andy Escobar, 138½, at Hollywood Legion Stadium. Hart stopped Escobar in 1:38 of the 9th round, after flooring him twice in earlier cantos.

It was Escobar's third straight kayo defeat; he had previously been stopped by Buddy Evatt and Art Ramponi.

In an earlier meeting with this same Hart, Escobar had been credited with a 5-round kayo. Escobar's managers went into a huddle after the fight, to decide whether Andy should hang 'em up for good or continue his ring activities.

In the six-round semi, Alfredo Escobar, 124—Andy's brother—decisioned Frankie Salas, 128.

The fours: Tony Renteria, 157½, decisioned Buck Bellamy, 156½; Johnny Hayden, 165, decisioned Russ Gillam, 162; and Larry Rosadilla, 145, decisioned Ted Williams, 146.

The crowd was estimated at something under 2,000.

▶ Nobody was amazed when Eddie Chavez, San Jose lightweight, defeated Gil Muniz of Juarez in the 10-round main event at Ocean Park Arena. Betting was 7-1 in favor of Chavez.

The San Jose scrapper appeared somewhat rusty to ringside critics, but he had too much on the ball for the South-of-the-Border battler. Referee Jimmy Wilson voted 57-53; Judge Tommy Herman, the same; Judge Reg Gillmore, 57½-52½—all for Chavez.

In the semi-final, slated for six, Bobby Ramajo, 136½, knocked out Hector Garcia, 138, in the 4th heat.

The fours: Dickie Coca, 118, TKO (4) over Rocky Fantanette, 119½; Paul Anderson, 159½, decisioned Benny Lucero, 157; and Eddie Guerrero, 134, drew with Lloyd Fowler, 136.

▶ Willie Lucero, 128, Santa Monica pride, scored a 10th round TKO over Larry Vasquez, 125½, San Francisco, at Ocean Park Arena. It was a fast and furious scrap, but a serious injury over Vasquez' left eye forced Referee George Latka to halt hostilities after 1 minute, 2 seconds of the final round.

In the six-round semi, Baby Ike, 151¼, decisioned Jimmy Dupree, 147½. The fours: Mickey Gamboa, 157, KO (1) over Johnny Hairston, 155; Tiger McHenry, 174½ drew with Henry Taylor, 176½; and Paul Anderson, 159½ TKO (3) over Dick Easterbrook, 163.

▶ Art Aragon, greatest drawing card in West Coast ring history, scored his fifth straight kayo at the Olympic Auditorium, L. A., when he floored Johnny McCray three times in the second heat. The time, 2:54; the weights, Aragon 147, McCray, 142.

It was Aragon's quickest kayo since his one-round win over Elmer Beltz on the 1953 Fight for Lives card. It was also Art's first appearance in a televised fight in many moons—and, incidentally, the smallest crowd that has witnessed an Aragon fight at the Olympic in six years. But the TV audience was tremendous.

In the companion ten, non-TV, Gil Velarde, 127, decisioned Filipino Jaime Basquez, 122, in a corker.

The fours: Carlos Perez, 127½, TKO (3) over Benny Agustin, 126½; Ernie Pacheco, 145¼, drew with Billy Blevins, 144; and Joe Corella, 156, TKO (2) over Ray Lopez, 153.

▶ Alex Amador of San Francisco, one of Northern California's principal crowd pleasers, hoped to win national attention by outpunching Johnny Gonsalves, who had been sidetracked by a broken right hand. But Oakland Johnny, one of the top ten lightweights, was far from rusty after a two-month layoff, and he dicisively outboxed Amador in the ten-round finale at Richmond's Auditorium. Referee Vern Bybee scored it 58 to 53. Gonsalves scaled 144, Amador 148.

Gonsalves piled up an early lead with speedy counterpunching, and he kept adding to it in the later rounds despite the rushing attack of his willing foe. Amador came out of a headlong collision in the seventh with a gash above his left eye. The wound continued to spout blood, and called for one examination by the ring physician. But Alex was allowed to continue, and was still forcing the fight when the final gong sounded.

Turnstile count showed 2348 fans paying a gross of $3144.

Frankie Sequiera, 132, Oakland, decisioned Paul Felix, 128, Stockton, in a six rounder. In another scheduled six, Dom Sacco, 134, knocked out Lou Garcia, 133, in the fifth.

The fours: Chuck Courtney, 147, decisioned Edgar Jones, 149; Allan Loretz, 150, outpointed Ed Beatty, 162.

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PROUD MONIKERS

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Then Corbett smashed an overhand right to the chin that slowed Terry up, as if a sledge had hit him. What followed is history.

McGovern never got over the stunning effects of that first right hand smash, and was knocked as cold as a canned oyster in the following frame.

WHEN James J. Corbett beat John L. Sullivan, thousands of the latter's infatuated admirers refused to believe that the newspapers had printed the truth about the battle. It took another day before they were really convinced that John L. had been dethroned. And numerous McGovern adherents wouldn't admit that the immortal Terry had been licked on the square. They insisted there must have been something phoney about the contest.

They weren't satisfied until a second match took place, as it did at San Francisco, the following year. Then the murmurs subsided. The result was not quite such a massacre in short order as the Hartford clash, but the net result was about the same. "Young Corbett II" kayoed Terry in the eleventh round this time, and made it very clear that he was master of the Brooklyn Terror at all points.

It was perfectly natural that the first "Young Corbett," whose real name was George Green, should have picked the fighting moniker that he did. For George was a pupil of James J. Corbett when the man whom destiny had marked to conquer John L., was boxing instructor at the Olympic Club of San Francisco. Green was a featherweight then. He won the title of that class as an amateur in 1889, and later annexed the amateur lightweight crown.

When Green turned professional, he changed his name to Corbett to hide his pro ring activity from his parents and James J. became his mentor. One of the matches that Gentlemen Jim made for his charge was with Paddy Smith, brother of Denver Ed. Paddy was a tough hombre and defeated Young Corbett in a thrilling tussle.

DURING the introductions prior to the bout, Jim Corbett was introduced. Though hissed by the Chicagoans who had a soft spot in their hearts for the great John L. and couldn't forgive Jim for humiliating the Bostonian by knocking him out, the champ declared that he was ready to defend his title at any time against anyone. This got Parson Davies, who was manager of Peter Maher and Tom O'Rourke both sitting at the ringside to their feet since both were trying hard to get a championship match with Corbett for Peter Jackson.

"I'd like to cover that Tom, said Davies, but I haven't enough with me. Whereupon O'Rourke took five crisp century bills from his purse and handed them to Davies who started toward the ring. Davies grabbed the bills and hustled through the ropes.

Prior to Corbett's victory over Sullivan, the former had held the Parson's great Negro fighter, Peter Jackson of Australia, to an even break in sixty-one rounds, before the California Athletic Club, and Davies was hot upon the champion's trail with a demand for a second meeting.

Neither the stakes nor ring floor were padded in those days, when less attention was paid to "safety first" precautions than at the present time. The wooden stake in the corner where Davies burst headlong into the ring to challenge Corbett was crudely fashioned. A jagged splinter half-way down the post stuck out with a fine barbed wire effect. Its point penetrated the Parson's pants as he wiggled past, and ripped that essential article of his clothing from stern to waistband.

But Davies carried gallantly on, heedless of the ironical cheers that hailed this involuntary comedy effect. Holding up his tattered pants with one hand, the Parson extended the other mitt, loaded with currency, and offered to post the money as a forfeit then and there, to bind a match between Jackson and the champ.

A hot pow-wow followed, and in the end Jim Corbett shook hands with the Parson and promised to take on Peter in the near future. The crowd roared again, and Davies still clutching his torn pants, returned triumphantly to his seat. It had been a magnificent gesture, but came to nothing in the long run, for Corbett and Jackson never faced each other again between the ropes.

The "Dundees" were another prolific clan in producing champions and near-champions. And for the most part they have been Italians. How the first one —Johnny Dundee—happened to adopt a Scottish handle is an interesting story. He was christened Guiseppe Carrora, but that name didn't sound "catchy" enough to his manager, Scotty Montieth.

One day Montieth was humming an old Scottish folk song, "Bonnie Dundee," and that supplied the answer. Guiseppe Carrora became "Johnny Dundee," and went on to win the world featherweight championship.

From then on, "Dundees" popped up all over the fistic landscape. When the original Johnny relinquished his featherweight title, Mike Dundee of Rock Island was among those selected to compete in the tournament to determine his successor. Then, there were the Baltimore brothers, Joe, who became welterweight champion, and Vince, one of the many claimants to the then disputed middleweight laurels.

The name "Leonard," which was popularized by the great Benny, also became a prominent ring handle, and through the years there has been a steady stream of Joe Leonards, Battling Leonards, Kid Leonards, Johnny Leonards, et al., though none of them ever succeeded in reaching the championship heights as Benny did.

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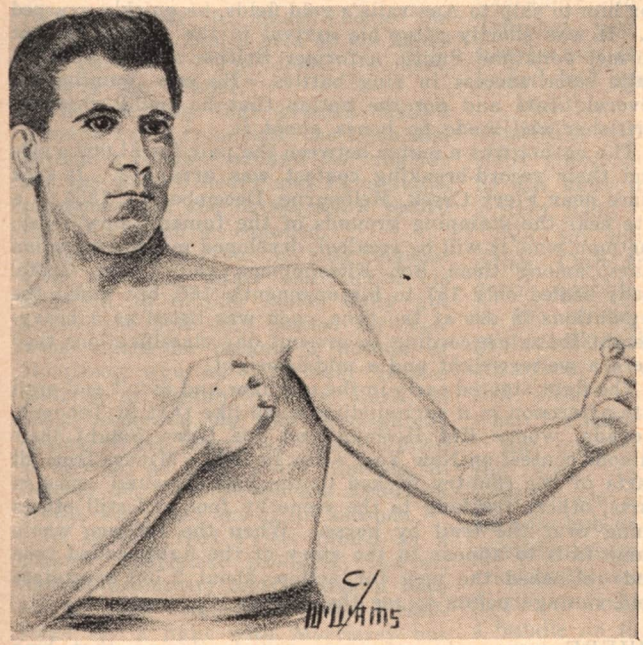

HALL OF FAME NO. 9

JIM CORBETT was born on September 1, 1866, at San Francisco, Calif. He won the world heavyweight championship by defeating the great American idol John L. Sullivan, on a knockout in 21 rounds, on September 7, 1892, at New Orleans, La. Sullivan was a prohibitive favorite in the fight.

He began his professional career about 1885 in California and first came into prominence when he knocked out Joe Choynski in 27 rounds in 1889, in a skin-tight affair on a barge near Benecia, Calif. Following that, he defeated Jake Kilrain and drew in 61 rounds in his famous "no contest" affair with Peter Jackson. The next year, scaling 178 and outweighed by thirty-four pounds, he defeated Sullivan.

Corbett lost the title to Bob Fitzsimmons, being halted in 14 rounds, on March 17, 1897, at Carson City, Nev. He tried twice, unsuccessfully, to regain the heavyweight championship, both against Jim Jeffries, and was knocked out in twenty-three and ten rounds.

He was the first of the modern day scientific fighters and to this day is considered the fastest and best boxer in all-time rankings of heavyweights.

Corbett died on February 18, 1933, at Bayside, L. I., N. Y.

IS DUPAS TITLE-BOUND?

by broadway johnny cox

RALPH DUPAS, 19 year old schoolboy lightweight hailing from the downtown section of gay old New Orleans proved himself of title timber on the initial program of the Louisiana Boxing Enterprises, a new group lavishly trying to regenerate the sport in the Pelican State. The promotion is headed by (see photo above) millionaire Blaise D'Antoni (right), chairman of the Board of Directors, and his son, Larry D'Antoni (left), president of the LBE.

In winning a split ten round decision over previously undefeated Frankie Ryff, New York 1954 rookie of the year, Dupas made tremendous progress.

It was Ralph's second spectacular victory of 1955. On January 1, in a nationally televised show staged by Ray Arcel, Dupas not only snapped the winning streak of Cisco Andrade but had the Cisco Kid cut around both eyes at the finish.

Crescent City fans proved that this town can draw with the best of the metropolitan cities. The Dupas-Ryff match outdrew the Ryff-Orlando Zulueta fight at Madison Square Garden and almost doubled the gate of the Paddy DeMarco-Jimmy Carter title fight.

Louisiana Boxing Enterprises, staging its first show, set a modern day record, for attendance, net and gross gates and only one fight ever held in this city, the "Cradle of Boxing," outdrew the Dupas-Ryff fight. That was the heavyweight championship bout between champion John L. Sullivan and James J. Corbett at the Olympic club on Royal Street on September 7, 1892, with Corbett stopping Sullivan in 21 rounds. That drew a gate of $62,068.

Ryff and Dupas attracted 9,314 fans who paid a gross of $48,430.

Blaise D'Antoni, who organized the LBE, raised $50,000 to revive boxing locally. Since the Dupas-Ryff fight he has turned the promotion over entirely to his son, Larry D'Antoni.

Ryff will welcome a return call here when his eyes heal, which will take several months. Frankie and Dupas were guaranteed $7,500 each and a privilege of 30 percent of the net gate. With the sellout, Ryff and Dupas earned more money than in any fight of their careers. Frankie and Ralph each pocketed $11,583.76.

Dupas has become the butcher boy of the lightweight division. He is a far better puncher than generally rated. His left jabs are punishing and he cuts with stinging left jabs and right crosses. Ryff was cut over the right eye as early as the first round.

Referee Eddie "Kid" Wolfe awarded Dupas four rounds, Ryff six sessions. Judge Pete Giaruso balloted eight rounds for Dupas and two for Ryff. Judge Francis Kercheval awarded Dupas six rounds, Ryff four rounds.

A Record That Will Last

By THE RING EDITOR

The lone knockdown in the famous six hour and fifteen minutes battle between James Kelly and Jonathan Smith as pictured in an old illustrated article in 1855. The knockdown was scored in the fifteenth round by Kelly with a right to the jaw.

A few months ago, when the latest issue of The Ring Record Book was distributed, a letter from one of our readers was received asking whether any details were available concerning the longest bare-knuckle fight, that between James Kelly and Jonathan Smith, which is listed in the book as having lasted six hours and 15 minutes.

"Such details", he remarked, "would undoubtedly be of interest to many fistic followers, since this record will stand as long as boxing lives. It will never be excelled, because under present-day boxing regulations throughout the world, only occasionally is a ring contest booked for more than fifteen rounds, with twenty an absolute limit."

Delving through the attic files, I finally located the story of the contestants and the fight itself and from a point of historic interest, it is given here to Ring readers. Although occasionally we have referred to this battle, very little space has even been given to the details or those who took part in this affair which took place near Melbourne, Australia, on November 15, 1855. It makes interesting reading.

James Kelly was a Belfast Irishman who was born on Christmas Day, 1831, but like many Sons of the Ould Sod who journeyed to foreign lands to make both ends meet, or journeyed to various parts of the British Isles, his parents left Belfast when James was only a few months old and settled in Newcastle, England. There James, when he grew into boyhood, joined the ranks of the coal miners of which his dad was one, and for almost ten years he developed his muscles and a spirit of pugnaciousness that finally carried him out of the coal pits to enter the prize ring as a bare-knuckle fighter.

He fought many times in England, then, working his way across the Atlantic to New York on a freighter, he took part in several dance hall exhibitions until he decided to go to California during the gold rush days. He made his way on a merchant ship and was fortunate, on landing in San Francisco, to meet up with Old Smoke, John Morrissey of New York and championship fame.

It will be recalled by those who know the history of boxing, that Morrissey, John C. Heenan, Yankee Sullivan and many other gladiators of that era all raced to the Pacific side for gold strikes and each got into many scrapes, especially when the old feuds of New York were resumed. Morrissey ran afoul of George Thompson, known in fistic affairs as Bob McLaren, and they agreed to have it out with the fists and Morrissey picked Kelly as his chief second.

Though Old Smoke was a 100 percent American, his folks hailed from Tipperary and that was sufficient reason for Thompson, an Englishman, to pick on John and hand him a verbal assault. Thompson previously had trained Tom Hyer for his winning title bout with Yankee Sullivan on February 7, 1849, another thorn in Morrissey's neck, and the combination led to an arranged battle on August 31, 1852, in which Morrissey whipped his man in 11 rounds.

Kelly was elated and for a time acted as a sort of bodyguard for Morrissey. When the opportunity presented itself for him to ship to Australia's gold fields, he quickly grasped it. It was shortly after his arrival in the Antipodes that he met Jonathan Smith, a former British soldier who had quite some success in ring battles. He saw Jonathan in several bouts and got the notion that he could whip the Britisher and made no bones about it.

The upshot was a match between the pair for $1,000 a side and their record-breaking contest was arranged. It took place near Fiery Creek, Melbourne, December 15, 1855 on a site near the stamping grounds of the famed Larry Foley, the man who, it will be recalled, developed many Australian stars, among them Bob Fitzsimmons and Young Griffo. Kelly scaled only 157 to his opponent's 166, but under the regulations in use at the time, each was listed as a heavyweight though according to present day classifications they were a welterweight and a middleweight.

The fight started early in the morning and didn't end until late afternoon in a surrounding much like that at Tonopah, Nevada, where Kid Herman and Joe Gans fought their famous contest on New Year's day in 1907. Miners from all parts of the country flocked to the battle-ground, some in carts, others trekking to the scene by foot and still others going over the trail by horse. When the referee, whose name fails to appear in the story of the fight, called time and unleashed the men for action, about 2,700 spectators held vantage points to see the contest.

THERE were only seventeen rounds during that long grind, but it must be remembered that in those days a round might last for an hour before one of the contestants was downed to end the session. Thus the fighting varied from thrilling moments to the waltzing variety as was the case during the first two hours, the duration of the opening round in which neither fighter was tossed or hit to the turf as required by the London Prize Ring Rules for a round to end.

The principals feinted, sparred and shifted about the ring with little damage done to either, though Kelly did receive a bloody nose and a cut lip when he was elbowed. The first blood, an important matter in those days when much wagering was made, was claimed by Smith and it was an important point in his favor.

From the second round on, Kelly became the aggressor but as Smith had height and reach in his favor, he kept the Belfast battler from doing much damage and in almost every round up to the fourteenth, one or the other slipped down or was wrestled to the ground, terminating the round.

By the time the fifteenth frame was reached, 5 hours and 35 minutes had elapsed. During this extended session, many of the miners gathered in groups to have their sandwiches and beer or stout.

In the fifteenth round the men, weary and eager to end the affair, set out in real earnest and for the next twenty-six minutes, which the frame lasted, they fought viciously, unlike the tameness exhibited in most of the previous period. A right to the jaw, as Smith tried to slip away from his opponent, ended the frame. It was the lone knockdown scored by either in the long grind, the other downs being recorded as falls due to grappling.

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A RECORD THAT WILL LAST

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Then came the sixteenth round, another tame one due to the weariness of the contestants and that was followed by the session which ended the bout. Smith, more exhausted than his Irish opponent, came to scratch but it was evident he couldn't last much longer. He was bowlegged and wobbly as he started the round, and Kelly scenting the kill, went after his man. He dropped a left to Smith's battered nose to bring the claret spurting, and followed with a right swing that caught Smith behind the ear and stunned him.

He staggered about the ring like a drunken sailor and as Kelly came forward ready to smash home the knockout blow, Smith held up his hands and gave in. "I'm done," he said. "You're the winner."

The cheering that greeted Kelly's triumph came from both the Irish and British contingent around the ringside and the time, 6 hours and 15 minutes, announced for the battle, set a record that will never be equalled.

Smith retired from the ring immediately after the affair and turned his attention to mining while Kelly got aboard the first ship headed for New York where he became a minion of Morrissey, who, as victor over Yankee Sullivan at Boston Vorners, Mass., in 1853, became a big shot in pugilistic circles. When Morrissey defeated John C. Heenan at Long Point, Canada on October 20, 1858, to win the American crown, Kelly was one of his seconds.

In Boston, Ned Price, famed as a painter, theatrical producer, lawyer, fighter, promoter, had became a hero and the New Englanders issued a challenge for a fight with Morrissey but Old Smoke turned it down and offered Kelly as a substitute. Price accepted the offer and the Bostonian defeated Kelly in 11 rounds.

After the fight Kelly returned to England but didn't stay there long. He came back to New York, opened a saloon on Thirteenth Street and Avenue A which he kept until 1884 when he sold out to enter the tanning business at Mattawan, N. Y. where his venture proved most profitable. He died in 1890.

WHY SO MANY UPSETS?

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Just why was Gene Fullmer accorded pre-flight favoritism over Gil Turner? Because he was un-whopped and had outpointed the likes of Jackie LaBua and the Cologne Clown, Peter Mueller, on television from Eastern Parkway? Because of a string of one-round plasterings in such famed fight centers as Midvale, Hurricane, Vernal and West Jordan, all in the state of Utah, population 709,000?

The formsters forgot that, once upon a time, Gil Turner had been a real good one. That he'd put together a string of thirty-one in big Eastern cities before getting taken in eleven by Kid Gavilan when he tried for the welterweight championship. That he'd beaten Johnny Saxton and Pierre Langlois and knew his way around.

Research was lacking the night they made Gene favorite in this one. It wasn't an upset, at all.

There will be no attempt here to account for anything that Jimmy Carter does and what happens to Carter. On form it must be admitted that Zulueta didn't figure to be in the same ring with James. But Carter, and only Carter, knows what Carter is thinking

That Gavilan should be beaten by Constance, the neat looking kid from Trinidad, was far from unthinkable. Gavilan was far over the edge. He had looked bad against Olson in Chicago, he had been "taken" by Saxton, he squabbled with his manager, financially gifted Angel Lopez. The rhumba was more important than throwing a right hand.

No, no actual form reversal here, either. Only that the rhumba, managerial squabbles and night life are not in the record books. Just because a gay caballero has once been a great champion, it doesn't figure that he will always keep on winning. Not when his name's Gavilan, anyway.

Any questionable verdict as seen by the video viewer or in-attendance fight fan who just might have wagered a friendly bob or two on the outcome inevitably brings forth an avalanche of cries of "it was a barney," or "it was fixed"—or better yet, "somebody made a bundle on that one," that somebody naturally not being the person who made the statement. He, no doubt, was the guy who lost a neat little package.

Every writer can point out a handful of bouts which he knows weren't strictly kosher. But that, in itself, is not enough. Proving them is another, seemingly impossible, matter. I doubt that there is a working pressman who hasn't at some time encountered a former fighter who told him of some "job" in which he has been engaged. But ask the guy to put his John Hancock to a signed statement on the matter and already he's developed cramps in his fingers, proving he's no finger man.

Some fights, based on their outcome, stretch far across the border of being startling reversals of form and leave too strong impressions of possible tamperings.

Rocky Marciano's first New York appearance left much to be desired, when on December 2, 1949, at Madison Square Garden, opponent Pat Richards was going up and down—mostly down—without visibly being hit.

Early in 1950 heavyweight Curt Kennedy, managed by Blinky Palermo, had taken a decisive ten round decision from Charley Norkus at the Garden. Rematched for St. Nick's several weeks later, Kennedy was a strong favorite until a late shift in the odds mysteriously switched to Norkus. Norkus needed less than a round and a "delayed action" punch to put the quietus on Kennedy.

The Philadelphia Story involving the transfer of Kid Gavilan's welterweight title to Johnny Saxton last year has never been fully told although there have been enough rumors about to singe the ears off some people.

In 1950 at St. Nick's when Gaetano Annaloro and Luis Galvani tangled somebody seemed to get his connections crossed and Annaloro was counted out in the third. Last year at Eastern Parkway Arena in Brooklyn *strange things* seemed to be happening when Davey Gallardo wound up with a three-round exit in his bout with Gene Smith.

Back in 1946, at the Garden, Freddie (Red) Cochrane, staked to an unusual $50,000 guarantee, went all out in the fourth round against Marty Servo, being stopped then and there to lose his welterweight title.

And who can forget the night that the Bronx Bull, Jake LaMotta, engaged Blackjack Billy Fox, the Philadelphia fighter with the sensational "knockout" record. It was November 14, 1947, the place Madison Square Garden with a crowd that had paid over $100,000 to see a "fight." All week long the bout was quoted as a pick-'em affair but just after the weigh-in the odds shot up to 12-to-5 favoring Fox, at which time the bookmakers knowingly and wisely wiped it off their slates. LaMotta, that night, showed nothing as he merely stood in the middle of the ring taking everything a slow-moving Fox could dish out, until the referee decided to halt the bout in the fourth.

There have been others which took odd twists and turns. Willie Pep strangely developed a dislocated shoulder and could not come out for the ninth round in his third featherweight title bout with Sandy Saddler at the Polo Grounds in 1951. Then again, there was the night last year at the Garden when Lulu Perez did away with Pep in less than two rounds, since which time Pep, his license taken away from him, has not fought in New York.

Far be it from us to even suggest that any of these fights were "fixed." That would be a foolish statement to make without facts and figures and signed statements, none of which are, quite naturally, available.

Television and a few fellows on the corner of Fiftieth Street and Broadway make the "form" these days, and if that's true form it deserves to take a whacking.

THE FIGHTING BALLPLAYERS

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Magerkurth had been a professional heavyweight fighter, Jurges was one of the mildest guys in the majors, in ordinary circumstances.

Magerkurth had called a possible foul ball a homer, and the Giants ganged up on Big Mage.

Jurges became the most vehement of the disputants, and the umpire pushed him away, shouting, "Stop spitting in my face," Jurges replied, "If I want to spit in your face, I will spit."

With that, Billy did expectorate into the umpire's puss, and Mage took a swing at him. Jurges also took a swing. Mage was out of practice, Jurges never could fight.

Both the infielder and the umpire were summoned by the then president of the National League, Ford C. Frick, and drew suspensions.

Not quite so innocuous was a fight under the Polo Grounds stands between catcher Frank Pancho Snyder, of the Giants, a veritable behemoth of a man, who knew how to handle his dukes, and catcher Jack Onslow, of the Pirates.

Pancho and Jack somehow did not like each other, and they had had words. Came a challenge, and they met after hours under the stand, and Snyder was in good fistic form.

The most widely publicized fight between ball players took place in a room in the Oriental Hotel in Dallas in the Spring of 1917, between Cobb and Charley Herzog, of the Giants.

The Tigers and the Polo Grounders had become fellow tourists that day, and asperities between Ty and some of the Giants were inevitable.

The first time Cobb faced a New York pitcher, he was hit by a pitched ball by Jeff Tesreau. Tyrus screamed reprisals. Big Jeff, who hadn't meant to nick the Peach, laughed at Cobb's threats and added, "Don't try anything with me, Cobb. I will knock your brains out."

On the second pitch to the next batter, Cobb dashed for second. Lew McCarty's throw had Ty beaten, but the Georgian ripped Herzog's legs with his spikes. Ty kept them sharp, always.

Herzog jumped on Cobb and they took a few swings at each other, with the usual lack of success of ball playing scrappers. They were pried apart and the umpire heaved both out of the game.

Cobb said to Hughey Jennings, Detroit manager, "If I am forced to leave this field, I will quit the series with the Giants."

Hughey knew Cobb meant it, and tried to get the umpire to send both Herzog and Cobb back into play. But His Nibs flatly refused the request.

Cobb went to the Oriental and got dressed. Then he went down into the lobby, where he ran into the fiery John J. McGraw, manager of the Giants. Jawn unleashed one of his McGraw style attacks on Tyrus, who had trouble restraining himself.

"If you were a younger man, I would kill you," Cobb shouted.

While Cobb was at dinner, Herzog came to him with the challenge.

"I will bring a player, you have one of the Tigers to second you, and let Harry Tuttle referee." Tuttle, onetime professional boxer, was the Detroit trainer.

At ten o'clock, Herzog and Heinie Zimmerman showed up in Cobb's room. Ty was accompanied by Tuttle and eight other players.

The battlers stripped to their under shirts, Tuttle called for action, and Herzog planted a right to the jaw, which sent Ty to his knees.

Cobb jumped up and belted poor Charley all over the room. It got quite serious, so Tuttle stopped the fight. Herzog was outclassed.

The following morning, Herzog showed up with two black eyes, swollen lips, and a wrenched shoulder, which he insisted had been caused by rough handling by a cop during the melee with Ty in the ball game.

That afternoon, Herzog could not play because of his condition. Cobb refused to play. That night he went off to finish his training season with the Cincinnati club.

That was the brawliest tour in the history of Spring training. At Wichita, Kans., Arthur Fletcher of the Giants, and Bobby Jones, Tiger third sacker, had a battle on the field. At Manhattan, Kans., Zimmerman heaved his bat at Willie Mitchell, Detroit pitcher.

The tour ended none too soon. That was the Spring the United States declared war on Germany. The international belligerency must have seeped into the noggins of the embattled ball players.

One of the livelist fights between team mates yet seen in the majors occurred on Sunday, May 4, 1919, at the Polo Grounds, with shortstop Fletcher and pitcher Rube Benton, of the Giants, walloping each other to the mystification of packed stands and the press box.

The game was the first under the Walker Sunday Baseball law, and the Phillies were the guests.

I will let Casey Stengel, now manager of the Yankees and then outfielder with the Phillies, tell about it.

"Before the game, Fletcher, who was captain of the Giants, came over to our bench and said, 'Mac wants a nice, quiet ball game because a lot of enemies of Sunday ball are watching this, to report doings to the Sabbath Observance Society. A fight today might result in repeal of the law,'" Stengel related.

"Well, after we had been retired in the fifth inning, Fletcher and Benton got into an argument. Benton had forgotten the sign for the curve ball, and one of our Phillies had shot a hit through short because Fletch had run tc cover on what he thought was going to be a pitchout. Benton was all wrong.

"Well, they got to the front of their dugout, and Benton took a swing. Fletcher let him have one. They punched and they gouged and it was quite a fight, and here is this Fletcher, which he asks us not to have any arguments, rolling on the bats with Benton. It was the strangest fight I ever did see on a ball field."

Managers usually hate to see their own players fight each other. But sometimes one of those battles clears the atmosphere, and bears beneficial results.

One of the most aggressive players of recent years was Billy Martin, of the Yankees, who is in the Army for a second hitch and is due out on October 6.

Martin had two fights with Jim Peirsall, of the Red Sox, and got the decision both times.

Billy also took part in a very interesting gang fight in St. Louis in 1953. The fracas started at second base between Martin and Clint Courtney, catcher for the Browns.

Pretty soon many players of both sides became involved. But the high light was furnished by Martin and Billy Hunter, who now is at short for the Bombers.

Both laid claim to the decision the following morning. Perhaps it was a draw. Will Harridge, president of the American League, handed out a lot of fines and conceivably hoped, privately, that there would be a few more scraps of that kind to perk up the flagging gate.

Undoubtedly the strangest "fight" in baseball annals resulted in Bill Dickey's breaking the jaw of outfielder Carl Reynolds, of the Washington club, many years ago, when the Yankee catcher was much younger.

It was an odd occurrence, because quiet Dickey wasn't a scrapper by trade. He was aggressive, but not fistically inclined.

Here's how it happened. For a fortnight previous to the Yankees' appearance in the capital, Dickey had been getting the works from eager-beavers sliding and jolting into the plate. He got tired of this rough treatment.

In a holiday game in Washington, Reynolds slid into the plate, hard, and was safe. As he walked to his dugout, team mates shouted to him to go back and touch the plate again, as they feared

he had missed it.

Reynolds came charging back. Dickey thought he was looking for a fight. Bill stood up and swung a right to the jaw. Poor Carl was dumbfounded. When Dickey discovered his mistake, he was disconsolate. That's one story he doesn't like to read about.

Dickey was suspended for a month and fined $500. Reynolds lived on a liquid diet while Bill was sitting things out. The oddest of all diamond "brawls."

Most of our major league umpires could give good accounts of themselves with their fists.

There is, for one, Bill Summers, who was a professional lightweight many years ago. Babe Pinelli also was a scrapper. Hank Soar, Frank Umont and Jim Honochick did their fighting in professional football.

In the old days, McGraw fomented fights between players, or with umpires, to improve the gate.

He would stir up a battle, then sometimes appeal to the local Chief of Police for protection for his poor, threatened players. The fans would pack the park, and spend the afternoon hurling imprecations at Mac. And the giants cashed in.

Such promotions now are discountenanced. The tempo of the game is not so rugged, though play is hard enough.

FISTIC THROWBACK

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Ortiz. Chubby followed that victory with a win over the world former bantamweight title holder Vic Toweel and trounced hard-hitting Gene Smith.

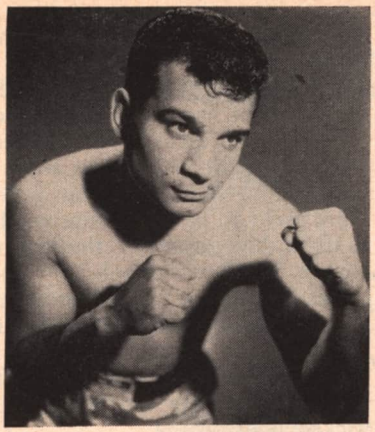
"Then, perhaps because of fighting too often for a 19-year-old," says Steve Paris, "Costa dropped a close duke to rugged Rudy Garcia at Eastern Parkway and lost a hairline verdict to Bobby Bell at the same arena."

Carmelo looked brilliant in outclassing Bell in a return bout. He moved this way and that—shooting sharp jabs at the oncoming Bell, jarring him with snappy blows to the head, hooking, countering, winning with ease—taking almost every round.

On January 16, 1954, Costa—who stands 5 feet 4 inches—married 18-year-old Tina Barone, a lovely girl he'd met 3 years before.

"It was funny about us," recalls the boxer with artless candor. "Tina was sweet on me right from the start—so she later told me. But I didn't particularly care for her. To me she was only a kid, just another girl. Two years later I began to date her and my liking for her increased with every date. Then I fell in love with her and we married. Tina is a wonderful wife—and a swell cook."

The young couple have a neat four-room apartment and are very happy.



RAY PORTILLA

One of the most surprising developments—or, rather, lack of developments—in boxing has been the failure of the American armed forces to produce more outstanding boxers. Many a champion and near-champion, came out of the military services after World War I, and it was expected that World War II and the ensuing Korean "police action" would be even more productive, since many more millions of young Yanks were involved.

Such has not been the case. Very few rated boxers in recent years could claim to be military developments.

There is one young man, however, who can credit the Army with having started him on what now shapes up as a brilliant ring career. He is Ray Portilla, youthful lightweight out of New York's teeming Bronx.

Mexican-born—a native of Vera Cruz—Portilla enlisted in the U. S. Army when he was only 16, and he saw service throughout Europe and in Korea. It was while in the Army that he became interested in boxing, and it was in service bouts that he learned the ABC's of the sport.

How well Ray has progressed is amply evidenced by his record to date. In sixteen starts, all in New York and Brooklyn, he has suffered only one defeat, and that was on a decision to Nur Mohammed, the speedy of clownish visitor from Calcutta, India. Among Portilla's victories have been verdicts over the likes of Tommy Bain, Rocky Randell and Tony Puleo. Puleo is the lad who recently caused a sensation by holding highly-rated Carmelo Costa to a draw at Eastern Parkway. Portilla twice whipped Puleo in eight-round semi-finals.

"We have a pet parakeet," further informs Costa. "And is she vain! Likes to stand on the dresser and gaze in the mirror. I swear that bird looks in the mirror more often than my wife does."

Costa is not particularly vicious in the ring: a cool and calculating boxer—determined—out to win by keen wits and fast fists. His mode of ring warfare is to confuse and frustrate his rivals by keeping on the move, thus spoiling the other's plan of attack. His jab is sharp, his left hook accurate.

When cornered, Costa can turn into a wildcat; he stops moving, stands flatfooted to exchange wallops with dangerous hitters; ducking and coming up with stinging rights to the head and hard raps to the body.

"Though Costa is ranked 4th in The Ring featherweights ratings," points out Lew Meyers, who has been connected with boxing for 45 years, "and has had only thirty pro fights, he displays more boxing skill and ring savvy than those ranked over him—and I'm including 126-pound champ Sandy Saddler. Carmelo reminds me of old-time ringmen, because they acquired grace as well as speed—and were a delight to watch in action. Costa is like that."

TV COMEBACKS

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Gil, who on the strength of a 31 bout winning streak that saw him mow down 25 of his foes by kayos including Beau Jack, Charlie Fusari, Ike Williams and Bernie Docusen gained a title bout with Kid Gavilan for the 147 pound crown back in July of 1952. For ten rounds Gil seemed on the way to victory but the Keed pulled the rug out from under him and halted the youngster in the eleventh heat.

Turner was nipped by Bobby Dykes next time out and then set sail for the middleweight title. He turned in wins over Johnny Saxton, Dykes, Ramon Fuentes, Italo Scortichini, and Pierre Langlois. The windmill style of Gil's was too much for the boys to handle.

With the title match in sight, Gil dropped an upset decision to cutie Bobby Jones. They were rematched and Jones again pulled an upset by halting Turner in ten rounds.

Gil took a five month rest and came back to win over Al Andrews in a wild and wooly bout. This called for a return match and the light-hitting Andrews surprised everybody, including himself, by flattening Gil with one punch in the third round.

Turner was written off by all the fistic followers. True he did come back late in the year to stop a pair of novices, Charley Scott and Ray Drake, but he was marked "finished" as a top flight fighter.

Gil kept plugging along, besting Scortichini and then kayoing Joe Miceli in a thrilling bout before upsetting Fullmer, and drawing with Ramon Fuentes.

Only twenty-four. Turner's record of 48 wins in 56 fights with 33 kayoes is an impressive one and like Vejar and Giovanelli, he has definitely come back.

THE BOY FROM SYRACUSE

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blazing hook, sent him down again, lying on his back with his head supported by the lowest rope.

De Marco again arose at seven. But he was finished. His eyes had that telltale glaze. His motions were from instinct.

Tony used to be a southpaw. But lefthanded fighters aren't regarded too highly, any more than are lefthanded golfers.

In his extreme trouble, Tony instinctively went back to his old southpaw style. He stood off the inevitable in the eleventh because, for one thing, Basilio's attack had become wild through urgency.

However, in the twelfth, Referee Harry Kessler had to stop the fight, and disregard an ancient tradition of the ring. This says that a champion should be allowed to keep fighting just so long as he is on his feet, and knows what he is doing.

It became apparent that Tony no longer was in control of all his faculties. So, with Governor Averell Harriman and his lady, and Boxing Commission Chairman Julius Helfand looking on, and approving, Kessler halted an affair which no longer was a fight, but a medium of violent punishment.

The twelfth round found De Marco unable to defend himself. There was a chance that continued punishment would leave him with permanent injury. There was utterly no chance that continuing in the fight would have any bearing on the issue for Tony. He was finished, the crowd roared its acclaim of the new champion, and Kessler acted. He had to stop it.

De Marco lost the first two heats, but in the third he asserted himself. However, he could not hold the pace under the lashing retaliation of the challenger, who took the fourth and fifth.

In the sixth, Tony once again went to the fore. He took the seventh, as well, and when he charged into the eighth still the pace maker, his adherents felt that he had the fight well in hand.

However, Mr. Basilio wasn't losing this one. After a minute of fighting in the eighth, he tore into Tony with a fusillade which made the Boston welter think he had run into a buzz saw. Hooks and crosses, combinations galore rocked Antonio, and now the home fans had their turn to make the welkin ring.

In the ninth, De Marco began to run out of gas. Carmen kept belting the Boston boy about the body. Tony was getting weak.

Then came the fatal tenth, and from the point on, there was nothing to it.

"I have no excuses," De Marco said after the fight. "I threw some good punches, he threw more than I did, and I just went to pieces. I sure would like to fight him again. I think I would change my plan of attack."

Basilio told me, "De Marco was too anxious to stop me. He wore himself out trying to do that. He is a much better fighter than most people think. He hits hard. He can box. He has a wicked hook.

"Tony really shook me up in the first and third rounds. In the third, I thought I had lost all my teeth. He is very tough physically, and a game guy. Fight him again? Sure. Why not?"

The defeat was De Marco's first after a winning streak of seventeen in a row. The knockout was only the third of his career. The other two such setbacks came at the hands of Art Suffolata in New Haven in 1950, and Chick Boucher, in Boston, the following year. Tony started fighting professionally in 1948.

Basilio's triumph was his twelfth in a row since he lost that split decision to Gavilan in Syracuse, 21 months before Carmen became the champion.

For the record, it is interesting that, for the first eleven rounds Referee Kessler had it 8-2-1 for Basilio.

Bert Grant, one of the judges, saw it 7 and 4. Frank Forbes, the other judge, scored it 8 and 3.

Basilio went into the ring a 17 to 10 favorite. He picked up a neat thirty grand, as well as the championship,—a well earned, merited pair of plums.

Carmen did not come through unscathed. He had to have four stitches in a cut over his right eye, and four more to close a gash in his lip.

De Marco also underwent a big embroidering job by a surgeon.

It was a fight to remember.

SEEN AND HEARD IN NEW YORK

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boys standing up under rugged punishment. McNeece had advantages in youth, height and reach, as well as weight, but he lacked the experienced Young's steadiness and more accurate punching. McNeece's right eye was closed from the fourth round on, while Young was slashed on the left cheekbone in the fifth. Despite the solid socking, with the rivals taking turns in staggering each other, there were no knockdowns, but Dr. Vincent Nardiello supplied this missing detail, when in climbing into the ring after the fifth round, to check the fighters, he tripped over the ropes and went sprawling along the canvas. Terry Moore, 165, Baltimore, whipped Joe Shaw, 160¼, Harlem in the semi-final eight. William Butler (Yama Bahama), 150, Bimini, Fla., decisioned Frank Bombiani, 150, Ambridge, Pa., in six. In fours, Angelo Defendis, 165½, Brooklyn, beat Jimmy Clemente, 165, Bronx; Antonio Pacenza, 171¾, Argentina, won from Art Miller, Harlem, and Bobby Moore, 165, Newark, trimmed Tommy Thompson, 173, Toledo, O. The attendance was estimated at 1,500 and gross receipts about $6,000.

The supply of talent for TV must really be hitting the bottom of the barrel when a promising but inexperienced kid like Hardy Smallwood, 157, Brooklyn, is tossed into a St. Nicholas arena match with the visiting Argentino, Rafael Merentino, 160½. Not that Merentino is any great shakes as a fighter, but he's too strong and seasoned for such immature opposition. Smallwood did all right for himself in the first round, when he got the jump on Merentino and actually outslugged him, but it was obvious Hardy didn't have the equipment to maintain that pace. Merentino took charge at the start of the second and in practically no time had a battered and bewildered Smallwood reeling around the ring. A left hook drove the Brooklynite into a sitting position on the lower rope. Although it was not a knockdown and Smallwood arose without a count, Referee Ray Miller decided to give him the benefit of a rest and made him take eight. It didn't help the kid, however. A few seconds later he was slugged to his hands and knees. He tried to arise at six but fell, face down, on the canvas. At this point Miller called a halt. Time of round: 2:36. Hector Rodriguez, 129½, Brooklyn, decisioned Tommy Bain, 126¾, Indianapolis, in the semi-final six. Another six produced a verdict for Gale Kerwin, 139, Valley Stream, over Freddie Messina, 138¼, Paterson. In fours, Bobby Harvey, 130½, Scranton, won from Al Humphreys, 128½, Brooklyn; Johnny Chorbak, 130¾, Jamesburg, N. J., whipped Mike Perez, 129, Brooklyn; Roy Bullock, 183¾, Freeport, beat Ronny Hopp, 186, Bronx, and Clarence Floyd, 170, Bronx, outfought James Relish, 173½, Long Island City.

By the slim margin of one point, Isaac Logart, 144, Cuba, was awarded a not too popular decision over Ludwig Lightburn, 138½, British Honduras, in their return ten at St. Nicholas Arena. Aside from the verdict, the second meeting of the Latin-American rivals reversed the general order of the first bout five weeks before. On that occasion, shifty Lightburn had the better of the early rounds but was edged out by the strong finish of aggressive, heavier Logart. This time, Logart, with a 5½-pound pull in the weights, dominated the early action, but Lightburn, with speedy boxing and sharp punching, took charge in the later rounds, and the majority of the spectators thought he deserved the decision. Judge Artie Aidala thought so, too, and voted 5-4-1 for him, but he was outnumbered by Referee Barney Felix, who tabbed the same score in Logart's favor, and Judge Leo Birnbaum, who called the fight even in rounds but cast the deciding ballot by giving Logart a 5-4 edge in points. Danny Mendoza, 138, West Side, won from Frankie Madison, 137½, Bronx, in the semi-final six. Andy Figaro, 151, Bronx, decisioned Bertram Bailey, 145½, Brooklyn, in another six. Brooklynites had a pair of fours to themselves, Bobby Jackson, 126½, outpointing Sal Cirosa, 123, and Jimmy Piper, 141, accounting for the only knockout of the night by halting Fred McArthur, 145½, at 1:53 of the first.

The intrepid souls attempting to promote boxing in the outdoor Freeport Stadium without the financial assistance of a TV deal didn't get off to a particularly encouraging start. Cold weather was largely responsible for keeping the attendance down to about 500, and it is doubtful if the receipts reached $1,000, but the promoters didn't seem too downhearted by developments. They announced intentions to keep going; at least for another show or two before deciding whether or not the gamble was worth while. Although it may not have been a success financially, the inaugural card was a lively, well-balanced affair, every bout going its scheduled distance. In the windup ten, Rinzy Nocero, 157, Brooklyn, was too persistent for the veteran Vic Cardell, 153, Hartford, Conn. Cardell's legs weren't too steady, and twice during the bout Vic lost his balance and tumbled to the canvas. Another time he was pushed through the ropes by the aggressive Nocero. The Nutmeg Stater's experience stood him in good stead, however, and he made things interesting throughout for his youthful opponent. In sixes, Al Anderson, 174½, St. Albans, whipped Freddie Mack, 169¾, Brooklyn, and Larry Crawley, 147¾, Westfield, N. J., decisioned Sonny Lord, 146¼, Bronx. In fours, Johnny Tirado, 151, Bronx, had the better of Norman Wright, 146½, Harlem; Roy Bullock, 183½, Freeport, outpointed Ray Batey, 187¾, Corona, and Emanuel Rodriguez, 121, Harlem, won from Al Humphreys, 125½, Coney Island.

REPORT FROM THE PHILIPPINES
By Felipe J. C. Galang

EMIL "BILL" TINDE, the newly crowned featherweight champion of the Philippines, drew with Leroy "Casey" Jones, 123¾, of California in the 6th round of a scheduled 12 round bout. Only the GAB ruling saved Tinde from losing his newly acquired title. In the middle of the 6th Tinde's upper left eye was split open by accidental butt.

Tanny Campo is again the flyweight champion of the country when he toyed with Dommy Ursuwa, 110, in 12 rounds. Tanny taught Ursuwa the rudiments of the trade that night.

Al Asuncion, 116¼, beat Ross Padilla, 116¾, when Al was accidentally butted in the 8th round. Asuncion was leading by a very wide margin and when the doctor decided that the bout must be stopped. Cunning Andy, 110, badly outpointed Rad Capistrano, 114, in 8 rounds. Bert Gonzales, 118, beat Pee Wee Vasquez, 119, in six. Max Pasalosdos, 123, kayoed Jimmy Flores, 123, in the 3rd round. Arturo Villa, 117, bested Henry Maneses, 119, in a 4 rounder.

▶Little Cezar, 117½, Laguna, became the bantam champion of the Philippines when he beat Tanny Campo, in 12 rounds at the Rizal Open Arena. The fight was so close that many believed that Campo, being the champion, should have won. But referee Al Cante and judge Jose Warren voted in favor of the challenger. And judge Roman delos Reyes decided for Tanny.

Leo Alonzo, 131, knocked out Severo Fuentes, 133, Davao, in the 9th round. Jackie Trillana, 119, stopped Ben Dayrit, 119, in the 4th. Dayrit was downed three times in the 2nd round and another trip to the floor in the 4th.

Flashy Sebastian, 145, stopped Stiff Tony, 149, in the 6th round. Flashy made Tony a punching bag. Tony was downed in the 4th and 5th. Al Asuncion, 116, outpointed Arab Junior in 10 rounds. Young Eleno, 120, and Al Dizon, 117, drew after an accidental butt received by the latter in the very first round. Vic Campo, 111, Tanny's kid brother, decisioned Mario Chavez, 112, in 4 rounds. Viva Zapata, 112, outpointed Ray Sison, 112, in the 4 round curtain raiser.

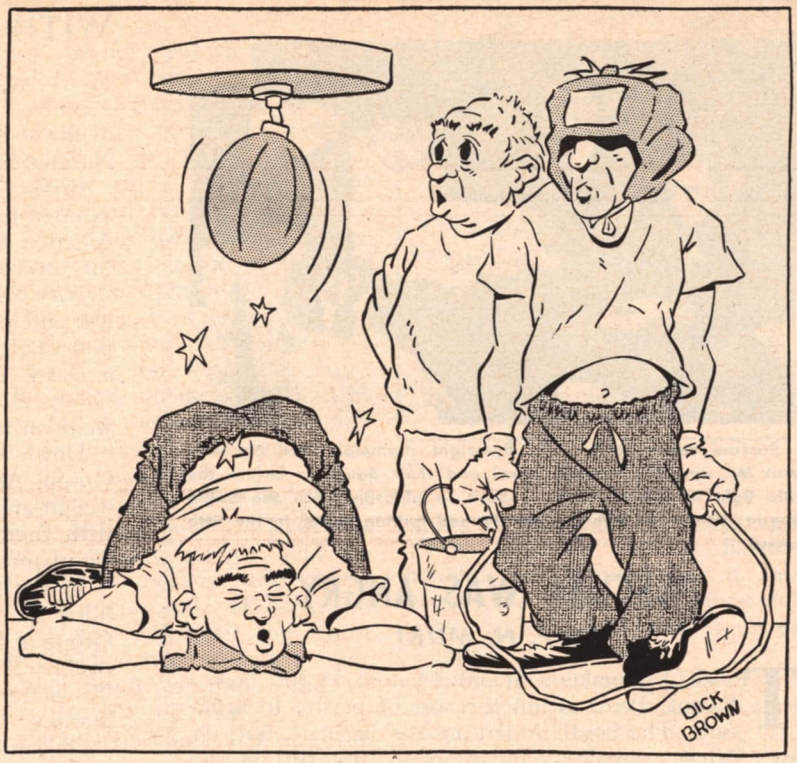
▶Bob Burdett, 132, brother of Clever Henry, drew with Tenejeros Boy, 134, in 8 rounds in Taytay, Rizal. Viva Zapata, 107, and Little Raytranco, 107, drew in 6 rounds. Oscar Guban, 127, and Oscar Olivete, 124, drew in 6. Bat. Delma, 128, kayoed Lucky Bunda, 126, in the first round. Fighting Quirino, 116, stopped Dommy Locsin, 117, in the second. Ric Balmes, 113, was knocked out by Duddy de Marco, 112, in the second round. Kid Calumpang, 122, drew with Habo Araw, 120, in 4, and Johnny Mortel, 124, bested Young Cesar, 124, in 4 rounds.

▶In Tanay, Rizal, Baby Mortel Jr., 124, lost to Joe Balbuena, 123, in a 6 round main event. Young Cading, 119, bested Miling Ramos, 120, in 6. Kid Basas, 120, lost to Waling Waling Boy, 119, in 6. Wawa Kid and Cris Miranda, 112, drew in another 6 rounder. T. Villaneuva, 116, beat F. Aquino, 118, in 4. Kid Zamboanga, 115, bested Beny Acosta, 116, in 4, and Rey Sigler, 110, won over Baby Gerona, 112, in 4 opening bouts.

▶Clever John, 134, won over Terry Blanker, 135, in 8 round main event. Bagumbayan Boy, 120, lost to Montalban Kid, 119, in 8. Danny Kid Jr., 123, kayoed Tuffy Salcedo, 124, in the fourth round. Veteran Camilo Silva, 114, and Little Dundee, 113, drew in 6. Raytranco Kid, 115, won over Mario Chavez, 115, in 4. Kid Ocampo, 114, stopped Joe Cruz, 115, in the second round. Fred Wilson, 113, kayoed Taytay Liloy, 112, in the second round.

▶Vic Fuentes, 126, badly outpointed Baby Mortel Jr., 124, in the 10 round main event in Fort McKinley. Avenger Jr., 124, beat Kid Aske, 120, in 8 rounds. Frankie Young, 111, stopped Young Brazil, 112, in the 1st round. Sev. Grafia, 119, bested Kid Ocampo, 118, in 6. Young Garcia, 134, outscored Kid Lucena, 135, in 4. Speedy Santos, 115, and Star Apple, 114, drew in 4.

▶Cunning Andy, 112, won over Little Brown, 107, in 8 round main event in Baliwag, Bulacan. Young Freddy, 122, and Lay Rodriguez, 126, drew in 6 rounds. Johnny Sarmiento, 122, and Vic Angeles, 122, drew in 6. Joe Ignacio, 123, kayoed Young Hererra, 122, in the 2nd round. Ben de Leon, 109, lost to Little Tony, 114, in 4. Steve Canoy, 118, stopped Little Dempsey, 118, in the 3rd round. Florre Silva, 112, won over Young Valdez, 115, in 4 round curtain raiser.



"LIKE I ALWAYS SAID, HE COULD DISH IT OUT, BUT HE COULDN'T TAKE IT"

▶King Tut, 130, former lightweight champion, lost to Vic Fuentes, 130, in the 4th round when he received a big cut forcing the third man to stop the fight and awarded the decision to Vic. Baby Quintana, 122, and Young Cading, 126, drew in 6. And so with Speedy Rocco, 114, and Viva Zapata, 109, in another 6 rounder. Young Fuentes, 117, beat Black Garcia, 118, in 6. Frankie Mendoza, 118, lost to Young Cesar, 120, in 4. Fighting Kabu Aruw, 118, won over Rocky Mendoza, 119, in 4 and Mike Gin, 110, bested Rush Tangol, 110, in 4.

▶Plaza Wonder Boy, 123, bested Ric Sanchez, 124, in 6 rounds. Frankie Young, 110, outboxed Duke de Manalo, 110, in 6 rounds. Federal Boy, 130, beat Strong Lucas, 130, in 4 rounds. Marilou Kid, 114, lost to Star Bondoc, 110, in 4. Sugar Ray, 100, and Fer Libid, 108, drew in 4. Art Makapagal, 114, won over Halili Boy, 120, in 4 rounder.

▶Javellana Kid, 142, won over Xth Battalion, 140, in 10 round main event in Iloilo City. Battalion is rated by the GAB in the middleweight division. Star Silay, 120, bested Vida Romero, 122, in 8. Young Marino, 142, kayoed Ding Araneta, 140, in the 4th round. Eden Kid, 111, won over Chan Lee, 112, in 4. Baby Toledo, 114, and Fighting 69 drew in 4 rounds.

▶Ros Padilla, 120, won over Frisco Concepcion, 118, in 8 rounds in Olongapo. Tuffy Salcedo, 128, bested Baby Mortel Jr., 126, in 8. Kid Basas, 119, won over Jamito Gaspar, 122, in 6. Primo Paraiso, 110, badly licked Lefty Concepcion, 112, in 4. Young Roland, 110, and Johnny Mortel, 110, drew in 4. And so with Boy Dadivas, 122, and Eddie Lin Kid, 122, in another 4 rounder. Ric David, 102, stopped Tagaytay Kid, 108, in the 3rd round.

▶Leo Espinosa, world rated flyweight, defeated Frisco Reyes, 122, in 10 rounds in Gingoog. Baby Johnson, 117, kayoed Gomy Herman, 118, in the 8th round. Little Bertring, 120, stopped Little Batulan, 121, in the 5th round. Baby Carlos, 114, beat Charles Cortes, 115, in 4. Young Dommy, 112, lost to Star Carlie, 114, in another 4 rounder. Young Manuel, 110, and Young Roque, 109, drew in the opener.

▶Bob Burdett, 137, won over Pancho Villeza Jr., 132, in 8 rounds at Taytay. Young Cading, 126, kayoed Ju Lius, 130, in the 3rd round. Speedy Rocco, 114, bested Little Wolcott, 116, in 6. Wawa Kid, 102, and Cris Miranda, 107, drew in 4. Boy Talim, 118, beat Star Carling, 121, in 4. Young Cesar, 120, stopped Little Mendoza, 118, in the 2nd round. Parangan Kid, 126, bested Fil Marquez, 120, in the 4 round curtain raiser.

RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY
By Selsso Tiborro

HIGHLIGHTS FOR MAY were Fili Nava's defeat by Jose "Toluco" Lopez in a twelve-round match for the national bantamweight championship; and the successful defense Babe Vázquez made of his national lightweight title against Enrique Esqueda.

▶Beto Carbajal, 135, stopped Gorilon Ortiz, 137, in seven. Ricardo Moreno, 117, stopped Danny Bedolla, 116, in one.

▶Jose "Toluco" Lopez, 116, decisioned Fili Nava, 117, in twelve. Joe Castañeda, 138, decisioned Rudolph Bent, 139, British Honduras, in ten.

▶Julio Escobedo, 128, decisioned Memo Valero, 129, in ten. Mario de Leon, 110, decisioned Eddie Luna, 111, in ten.

▶Roberto Bolaños, 129, decisioned Ezequiel Uribe, 129, in ten. Jose Paredes, 136, stopped Eduardo Almazan, 137, in three.

▶Memo Sanchez, 118, stopped Babe Ruiz, 117, in six. Ricardo Moreon, 116, stopped Fifi Torres, 118, in two.

▶Bepo Gonzalez, 129, decisioned Papelero Sanchez, 129, in ten. Enrique Ortiz, 135, stopped Agustin Rosales, 134, in five.

▶Babe Vazquez, 134, easily outpointed Enrique Esqueda, 134, in twelve. Rafael Gutierrez, 142, stopped Rudolph Bent, 139, British Honduras, in nine.

IN CLEVELAND RINGS
By Harold Walsh

OTHER THAN THE WEEKLY studio fights from Cleveland Station WEWS boxing is practically dormant for the summer in Northern Ohio.

Matchmaker Johnny Gibbons has done a fine job to date but lacks talent for this type of show. His latest on June 4th brought out the first eight round main bout with Jess Rodriguez of Warren, Ohio winning a split decision over Jimmy Demura of Syracuse, New York, with able Lou Parker, the referee.

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Pascual Perez (left) world flyweight champion, and his wife visit Mr. and Mrs. Ysohio Shirai and their daughter before the title fight in Tokyo. Things weren't so pleasant once the battle began with Perez fighting bitterly and halting Shirai in the fifth round.

PASCUAL WAS ANGRY

By F. N. MIIKI

TOKYO (Korakuen Stadium before 18,000 fans)—Pascual Perez is not the sort of person to aggravate. The South American may be little, but, oh, my! What an explosive bundle of fighting fury he can become!

Yoshio Shirai learned early and emphatically that the tiny but stocky Argentino is no pleasant playmate when he's angry.

Pascual was so incensed when told he would have to fight in the Japanese capital again that he announced, before leaving Buenos Aires, his intention to retire after the bout.

He reconsidered after he arrived in Tokyo, but he didn't entirely rid himself of his indignation and resentment. It was evident that Pascual intended to vent his spite on Yoshio when he got the rangy Japanese into the ring. It wasn't that Perez had anything against Shirai personally, but somebody had to suffer for the resentment burning away inside the South American.

The bout had just started when further fuel was added to the fire's of Perez's embattled mood. And this time Shirai himself did the adding. Pascual had forgotten his mouthpiece, and as he turned toward his corner to get it, Shirai nailed him flush on the chin with a vicious right.

Perez's knees buckled and he reeled back. A less rugged individual would have been in serious trouble, and for a few moments it looked as though Perez was. But the stocky little Argentino finally shook off the effects of the punch and went to work on Shirai. And what a whaling he gave the former champion! Yoshio was so thoroughly beaten that after the bout his American manager, Dr. Alvin Cahn, announced the retirement of his 32-year-old protege, the first Japanese to win a world boxing championship.

Shirai was a battered wreck at the finish. He was on his knees when the bout ended. As Referee Harou Ishiwatarido raised Perez's hand, Pascual's manager rushed into the ring and hoisted his fighter aloft. Shirai stumbled to his corner and sat, glassy-eyed, on his stool.

Then the referee suddenly made motions as if the fight was to continue. Ringsiders thought perhaps the bell had saved Shirai from being counted out. The referee, however, ended the confusion by again raising Perez's hand. He explained later that Shirai had been counted out just as the bell sounded. The timekeeper said the fight had ended at 2:50 of the fifth.

WITH OUR SERVICEMEN

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in the semi-finals, he went on to decision Burley Briggs of Nashua, N. H., in the finals to win the heavyweight crown.

In the 118-pound class, Romey Osana of Boston, outpointed John Gomes, another Navy boxer, but in the finals, Americo Sacramont of Everett, Mass., won a bloody victory over Osana.

Nick Preventi of South Boston, third choice of Al Eddy, was entered in the 132-pound class. He decisioned his opponent in the trials, but in the semi-finals Ozzie Osborne, a classy 26-year old Quonset Point sailor and another Gloves champ, outpointed Preventi for the win. Osborne went on to decision his Army opponent in the finals.

Down in Green Cove Springs, Fla. home of the Florida Group, Atlantic Reserve Fleet, Tom Keller, light welterweight and Connie Favor, featherweight, both walked away with their respective crowns in the Sixth Naval District Tournament.

In the Lone Star State, the sound of pounding leather filled the squared circle there, as Dan Cira of the Texas Group of the Atlantic Reserve Fleet, won the Navy's Southeastern Sectional welterweight crown by the kayo route. His victim was Ralph Redmond of the Pensacola Naval Air Station.

Oakland, Calif. The Army scored a close 30-29 point victory over Navy to win team laurels in the third annual Inter-Service Boxing Tournament held at the Army base sports arena here. The Air Force, last year's Inter-Service champs, finished third with 16 points and the Marines were next with five. Five points were awarded to winners, three to runners-up in the finals.

Navy light middleweight Rudy Sawyer, of the destroyer Stephen Potter, turned in a major upset in the semi-finals by banging out a unanimous decision over AF champ Paul Wright of Sidi Sliman AB, French Morocco. Wright was the 1953 Inter-Service light middleweight king and recently won the title in his class at the Pan-American Games.

Going into the 10-bout finals, the Army headed the field with eight entries, the Navy had seven, the Air Force, four, and the Marines, one.

The finals were shortwaved overseas to servicemen by the Armed Forces Radio Service in Los Angeles.

Inter-Service champions:

Flyweight (112)—Heiji Shimabukuro, USARPAC, decisioned Clifton Eskridge, Little Creek, Va.

Bantamweight (119)—Ward Yee, Sandia Base, N. M., won a split decision over George Nakaoka, USARPAC.

Featherweight (125)—Harry Smith, Sampson, AFB, N. Y., decisioned Leroy Jeffrey, Ft. Sill, Okla.

Lightweight (132)—Gene Toran, aircraft carrier Saipan, decisioned Jimmy Hornsby, Rheim-Main AB, Germany.

Light-welterweight (139)—Frank Medley, destroyer D. H. Fox, decisioned Willie Morton, Johnson AB, Japan.

Welterweight (147) — Lawrence Barrett, destroyer Coates, decisioned Pearce Lane, Ft. Knox, Ky.

Light-middleweight (156)—Rudy Sawyer, destroyer Stephen Potter, decisioned Willie Russell, Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

Middleweight (165)—Richie Hill, Camp Lejeune, N. C., scored a third round TKO over George Harrell, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.

Light-heavyweight (178)—James Boyd, Ft. Benning, Ga., decisioned Charles Butler, destroyer tender Sierra.

Heavyweight—John Johnson, Ft. Jackson, S. C., decisioned Roy Louson, destroyer tender Sierra.

NAT FLEISCHER SAYS:

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The Ring stands firmly behind the various bodies that are trying to clean up the sport. Let's hope they succeed.

DONNYBROOK IN DUBLIN

Following my arrival and delightful stay in London, where even at this late date the newspapers continue to "harp" on the "foul tactics" Rocky Marciano employed in stopping their champion, Don Cockell, and a trip to the Royal Albert Hall to see the boxing program promoted by Harry Levine, in which Ron Barton won on disqualification in the third round when Canadian Yvon Durelle fouled him (more than half the spectators left the arena in disgust though four more bouts were scheduled), I flew to Dublin to see the European featherweight championship bout between Ray Famechon of France, and his challenger, Billy Kelly of Derry, Ireland, holder of the British and Empire crown. The contest, staged before a record indoor gathering for Eire in the Donnybrook Bus Station, converted for the occasion into an arena seating 6,750 persons, was won by a close margin by Famechon and the decision of Referee Barend Bergstroem of Holland, a fearless official, brought about a riotous scene. Into the ring leaped one admirer of Kelly and delivered a stunning right to the jaw of the Hollander for which offense the culprit was taken into custody by the police.

Then followed a wild rush for the ringside to get at the official who was surrounded by the minions of the law. Shouts of "let's get the referee," were heard on all sides, so wild were the Irish supporters of Kelly who before the fight had announced, "I'm going to win the title for my Ireland."

In a jiffy I was mobbed by Kelly supporters who wanted to know what my verdict was. But noting the fire in the eyes of the inquiries, I refrained from giving a direct answer for fear that a bottle might be crashed over my head if my version did not please them (which it didn't). I replied that it was a close fight, but that didn't satisfy the lads from the North of Ireland who had come to root their hero home.

"Didn't Kelly win by a wide margin?" several wild-eyed Derry fans shouted at me as I arose from my press seat to get to an exit.

"It hinged on the final round," I replied, again giving an evasive answer and then headed for an exit while the rush around the ringside continued.

Talk about a kid being popular! Kelly is IT in all Ireland.

And well he deserves the support, for he is one of the classiest little feathers I've seen in a long time. Unfortunately he lacks a solid punch. If he possessed it, he would be tops in the division.

He lost the fight due to the continued aggressiveness from start to finish by Famechon. Several times Ray was jarred when one of Kelly's counter blows landed on the jaw as the defending champion came tearing in, but Famechon carried the fight to his adversary, landed the harder punches, was the aggressor and because of that, he gained a hairline decision.

But the fans from Derry didn't think the Frenchman had won and let it be known in no uncertain terms. They threatened anyone who thought otherwise and it was well to keep one's opinion from becoming known if that person didn't favor Kelly.

There were wild cheers at the end of the bout in anticipation of a Kelly victory but when the referee held up the hand of Famechon, the cheers turned into a crescendo of boos and threats. It was not until the ninth round that Kelly came on with a spurt that enabled him to win four of the last seven rounds with one even.

But while Famechon kept up the pressure even in rounds in which he was slightly outscored, his opponent was unable to keep pace with Ray as the final rounds were reached and with the Frenchman attacking from all angles in the final session, he carried off the honors and retained his crown. He used his fists, brainwork and ringcraft to excellent advantage.

The boys fought in the same 15½ feet ring in which Kelly's father had won his title seventeen years ago.

Referee Bergstroem's score card gave six rounds to Famechon, three to Kelly and six even. My tally had Famechon ahead by seven to six with two even. In points the referee had Famechon ahead 72 to 69 and my score was 70 to 69.

Kelly's youth, fighting courage and his mastery of ring science make him a threat for any man in the division. He looms as a future champion. He has what it takes to bring him to the top rung of the ladder.

HELFAND HEADS BOXING CLEAN-UP

(*Continued from page 9*)

the they'll-stop-at-nothing-boys was brought to light with the doping of the No. 1 light heavyweight contender Harold Johnson prior to his bout with Cuban heavyweight Julio Mederos in Philadelphia on May 6. The victims fed to the lions in Rome were at least not drugged; in Nazi concentration camps they at least pervertedly cloaked it in the guise of science and kultur.

While somewhere someone is saying over and over to himself (or his accomplices), "the drug worked too fast," we can be thankful that it did, and that millions of persons were watching it on a nationally televised program.

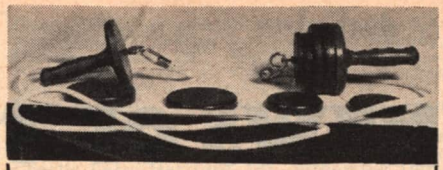
Yes, thankful that it happened, thankful that Johnson was in mortal danger (and, thank God, miraculously saved), and thankful that it all came to light.

If this has happened once it may happen again—or it may have happened before. It is better that we know, shocked to our senses out of a complacent there-is-little-or-nothing-wrong-with-boxing attitude, and meet the issue squarely. Either this kind of scum must be driven from the sport or boxing must close up shop. In this there can be no middle road.

And in the face of these startling facts, the appropriately named Governor George M. Leader of Pennsylvania did just that, banned the sport in his state for a period of ninety days while an attempt will be made to get to the bottom (a very, very low bottom) of things.

The commission, under the chairmanship of wide-awake Sleepy Jim Crowley, has thus far uncovered a tangle of under-cover dealings, forged signatures and perjured testimony. They intend to keep digging.

Ironically, this is the best thing that has happened to boxing in years. Take the bad out and good will come of it. But before we start rejoicing let's make certain all the bad is out.



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ADDITIONAL GERMAN NEWS

▶ Cologne:—At the Swim Stadium 12,000 fans sat in the pouring rain to see local Peter Mueller share points with Germany's middleweight champion Hans Stretz over ten rounds.

Mueller was the master at the infighting with Stretz's left hand working to keep the score at level terms. Max Schmeling was the non-voting third man.

Robert Luna, 72 kilos, Eschweiler, won on points over Slackowitz, 75 kilos, Bonn. Al Mobley of America defeated Karl Heinz Bucher, Essen, in a six rounder. Ernst Zetzmann, 65 kilos, Berlin, won on points over six rounds from Gerd Mueller, Dusseldorf.

Willi Besmanhoff, 80 kilos, Berlin, lost an eight rounder to Franz Szuzina, 74 kilos, Bremen. Rudi Langer, Berlin, featherweight champion, defeated Jo Woussem, Belgium.

NEWS OF THE BRITISH ISLES

BELLE VUE, MANCHESTER. German middleweight champion Hans Stretz, 162, engaged in a sensational ten rounder with Johnny Sullivan, British middleweight kingpin, 161¼, which ended in a narrow points decision going to the German, but not before the latter had been nearly kayoed in the ninth. Sullivan, trailing on points, piled on the pressure during the ninth, and suddenly seeing an opening, shot a left hook to the body followed by a right to the chin. Stretz went down, but gamely rose at "nine". Another shower of blows and the German took a "five" count, and then "seven" from a body punch. There was yet another count of "seven", before the bell ended the round, but it was a recovered Stretz who came out for the last session and stood toe-to-toe with the British champion, and ended by driving him relentlessly round the ring. The referee awarded the decision to Stretz.

Peter Waterman, Clapham, 146½, stopped Roy Baird, Birmingham, 144, in the second. . . . Leo Molloy, Birkenhead, 137, outpointed Vince Marshall, Manchester, 137, over eight. . . . Jack Johnson Cofie, Gold Coast, 160½, knocked out Bobby Rhodes, Preston, 160½, in the second. . . . Johnny Barr, Stockport, 124, outpointed Joe Orell, Bury, 126, over six.

Benny Nieuwenhuizen, South African welterweight champion, stopped British welterweight champion Wally Thom, Birkenhead, in the fifth of a scheduled ten rounder, when Thom received a badly gashed eyebrow and was forced to retire. There was little between the two contestants at the unfortunate ending.

▶ LIVERPOOL STADIUM. Johnny Miller, North Shields, 137½, knocked out Willie Lloyd, Brecon, 137½, in the second of a scheduled ten rounder. . . . Tommy Molloy, Liverpool, 143½, outpointed Ken Ashwood, Derby, 147, over six rounds. . . . Ricky Simmonds, Birkenhead, 140, dropped one to Stan Barnett, Newton-le-Willows, 142, over six. . . . Alan Dean, Birkenhead, 159, stopped Cliff Garvey, Dundalk, 156, in the first of a six rounder, when Garvey was in a bad way. . . . Martin Tolan, 133, outpointed Tony Russell, Leeds, 131½, over four rounds.

▶ BELFAST. Jim Fisher, Belfast, 126¼, knocked out Terry McHale, Liverpool, 122, in the third of a scheduled eight rounder. McHale was sent through the ropes and was unable to return in time. . . . Paul Dunne, Dublin, 117½, outpointed Davy Walsh, Belfast, 119, over eight. . . . Jimmy Matthews, Belfast, 111, knocked out Tommy Emberson, Bangor, 110¾, in the sixth. . . . Sammy Cowan, Belfast, 135½, knocked out Jim Taggart, Lisburn, 136, in the first. . . . Benny Vaun, Belfast, 124, outpointed Paddy Quail, Belfast, 129, over six.

▶ NEWCASTLE. Stan Skinkiss, Manchester, 135½, had to fight hard all the way to outpoint Syd Greb, Liverpool, 135¼, over eight rounds. . . . Hugh Ferns, Greenock, 217, and Peter Aldridge, Doncaster, 188, drew over six rounds. . . . Manuel Burgo, North Shields, 193½ stopped Jim Moran, Leeds, 120, in the first round, when Moran received a bad gash on his left eyebrow. . . . Jack London, West Hartlepool, 173, stopped Eddie Williams, Huddersfield, 172, in the third. . . . Ray Dandridge, Huddersfield, 140¼, outpointed Joe Ritchie, Newcastle, 139, over four rounds.

▶ WESTON. Ron Hinson, Dagenham, 136, outpointed Eddie Lillis, Manchester, 137, over eight rounds. . . . Bobby Johnson, Plymouth, 150, outpointed Vic Smith, Croydon, 143, in a dull eight rounder. . . . Cliff Giles, Linton, 122, outpointed Don Coshirel, Jersey, 121, over six. . . . Albert Stokes, Battersea, 126, stopped Bertie Giles, Linton, 128, in the sixth. . . . Mick Endley, Southampton, 161, stopped Teddy Thompson, Sherbourne, 161½, in the fifth. . . . Eddy Giles, Linton, 162, outpointed Frankie Bessenger, Bournemouth, 163, over six.

▶ WALSALL. Jimmy Black, Trinidad, 127½, outpointed Tommy Higgins, Hanley, 127½, over eight rounds. . . . Bill Wooding, Birmingham, 145½, outpointed Tony McTigue, Manchester, 151, over eight rounds. . . . Jimmy Edwards, Wolverhampton, 165, knocked out Tommy Turner, Manchester, 161, in the third. . . . Andy Lambert, Manchester, 137, stopped Maurice Bonser, Derby, 138, in the third. . . . Tex Williams, Carlisle, 144, knocked out Ron Bishton, Tipton, 148, in the second.

▶ WEMBLEY TOWN HALL. Les Morgan, Acton, 148½, outpointed Leo Maloney, Hillingdon, 144½, over eight rounds. . . . Jimmy Vynas, Coventry, 160¾, stopped Tommy O'Connor, Cork, 165½, in the third. . . . Del Breen, Croydon, 154, outpointed Len Jarvis, Norwich, 157, in a lacklustre six rounder. . . . Tommy Ryan, Paddington, 135, and Ron McLaren, Hayes, 136, met over six rounds of hard hitting, everything coming out even at the end. . . . Arthur Murphy, Camden Town, 129, stopped Gerald Futter, Lincoln, 131, in the first. . . . Vispi Banaji, India, 155½, stopped Bernard O'Leary, Couthall, 157¼, in the fifth.

▶ LEICESTER. Yolande Pompey, Trinidad, 171, and Eddie "Polly" Smith, Bermuda, 174, met over a gruelling ten rounds course in a British Empire lightheavyweight championship eliminator, and although the large crowd found cause to boo referee Jack Hart's decision, Pompey received a points award.

Joe Erskine, Cardiff, 193½, outpointed Ansell Adams, Trinidad, 196¼, over ten rounds. . . . Peter Bates, Shirebrook, 179½, knocked out Al Bernard, Belgium, 179½, in the fifth. . . . Al Allotey, Gold Coast, 175½, knocked out Billy Dean, Greenwich, 176¾, in the sixth. . . . Glyn Evans, Askern, 128, outpointed George Clay, Nottingham, 128, over six. . . . Teddy Barrow, Cardiff, 152½, outpointed Johnny Griffin, Leicester, 145, over six.

▶ EMPRESS HALL, EARLS COURT. Arthur Howard, Islington, 176½, knocked out Andre Wyns, Belgium, 175¼, in the fourth of a scheduled ten rounder with a left and right to the head that had the Belgian down and out for quite a while.

Martin Hansen, the Liverpool born Dane, 159, outpointed Terence Murphy, Canning Town, 161½, over ten rounds of hard fighting and constant excitement. There was little to choose between the two until the seventh round when Hansen cut loose and had Murphy down for three long counts. The end seemed in sight but the game Canning Towner fought back hard and was able to survive the danger point. The remainder of the fight saw Hansen gradually pull ahead although Murphy fought well and the final decision was by a small margin. . . . Lew Lazar, Aldgate, 159½, boxed and fought well to outpoint Gordon Hazell, Bristol, 160, over ten rounds. . . . Bobbie Neill, Paddington, 126, stopped Denny Dennis, Plumstead, 128, in the second. . . . Ernie Savery, Dunstable, 120, outpointed Jackie Tiller, Manchester, 119, over six. . . . Dennis Hinson, Dagenham, 133, outpointed Derek John, Catford, 132½, over six rounds. . . . Peter Ratcliffe, Bristol, 147¾, stopped Tony Warrington, Haywards Heath, 152¾, in the second.

▶ LIVERPOOL STADIUM. Joe Bygraves, Birkenhead, 192½, knocked out Eddie Hearn, Battersea, 196, in the fourth of a scheduled ten rounder. . . . Alan Dean, Birkenhead, 158, stopped Sonny Quinn, Derry, 158, in the fifth, the referee intervening after Quinn had taken three counts. . . . Trevor Sykes, Huddersfield, 141, and Bobby Gill, Birkenhead, 142½, drew over six rounds. . . . Jim Quinn, Derry, 156, knocked out Sammy Worrell, Warrington, 162, in the second. . . . Eddie Sykes, Huddersfield, 147, knocked out Ken Harden, Wrexham, 141½, in the second. . . . Ron Barnard, Carlisle, 141, outpointed Jimmy Cottrill, Mold, 140, over four rounds.

▶ BELFAST. Kurt Ernest, Exeter, 139½, outpointed Gerry Smyth, Belfast, 142½, over eight rounds. . . . Mickey Doherty, 159½, outpointed Jack Johnson Cofie, Gold Coast, 161, over eight. . . . Neville Rowe, Australia, 173, knocked out Brian Spence, Lisburn, 165, in the first. . . . Trevor Martin, Bangor, 126¼, floored Benny Vaun, Belfast, 121¾, three times in the fourth, and Vaun was unable to resume for the fifth session. . . . Harry Stanford, Belfast, 137½, knocked out Eddie Bamber, 137½, in the third.

▶ GLASGOW. Charlie Hill, Scottish featherweight champion, 127¾, outpointed Flaviano Ciancarelli, Italy, 127, over eight fast interesting rounds. . . . Dick Currie, Glasgow, 111, knocked out Mickey King, Belfast, 112½, in the first round. . . . John Smillie, Fauldhouse, 120, stopped Billy Gibson, 120, in the third. . . . Dick Knox, Motherwell, 136½, knocked out Andy Monahan, 135, in the fourth. . . . Matt Fulton, Coatbridge, 128, knocked out Don Martin, Formby, 129, in the fifth. . . . Jim McGuinness, Wisshaw, 138, outpointed Johnny Delmore, Leeds, 140, over six rounds.

▶ WEST HARTLEPOOL. Jimmy Croll, Dundee, 147, knocked out Ken Regan, Blackpool, 144, in the third. . . . David Croll, Dundee, 130¼, knocked out George Spence, York, 135¼, in the fifth. . . . Jock McCauley, Hendon, 149, was knocked out in the first round by Stan Barnett, Newton-le-Willows, 142½. . . . Ken Scott, Gateshead, 129, lost narrowly to Martin Tolan, Easington, 130½, over four.

▶ BRISTOL. Attu Clottey, Gold Coast, 148½, stopped Mickey O'Neill, Belfast, 148½, in the sixth. . . . Pat McCoy, Galway, 132½, outpointed Jackie Sowah, Gold Coast, 136½, over eight rounds. . . . Len Grainger, Bristol,

BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

(To June 18, 1955)

HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUISERWEIGHTS	MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Don Cockell (E)	Yolande Pompey (T)	Johnny Sullivan (E)	George Barnes (A)
2. Jack Gardner (E)	Randy Turpin (E)	Pat McAteer (E)	Hector Constance (T)
3. Earl Walls (C)	Ed Polly Smith (B)	Les Allen (E)	Vincent O'Kine (WA)
4. Johnny Williams (E)	Yvon Durelle (C)	Lew Lazar (E)	Attu Clottey (WA)
5. James J. Parker (C)	Ron Barton (E)	Terence Murphy (E)	Peter Waterman (E)
6. Kitione Lave (TO)	Arthur Howard (E)	Charley Chase (C)	Benny Nieuwenhizen (SA)
7. Allan Wi'liams (A)	Bruce Farthing (A)	Billy Ellaway (E)	Wally Thom (E)
8. Ken Brady (A)	Johnny Halafihi (TO)	Mike Holt (SA)	Peter King (E)
9. Johnny Arthur (SA)	Albert Finch (E)	Jimmy Elliott (SA)	George Happe (E)
10. Henry Cooper (E)	Alex Buxton (E)	Carlo Marchini (A)	Albert Carroll (E)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERWEIGHTS	BANTAMWEIGHTS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Richie Howard (C)	Billy Kelly (I)	Peter Keenan (S)	Dai Dower (W)
2. Pat Ford (A)	Sammy McCarthy (E)	Willie Toweel (SA)	Jake Tuli (SA)
3. Frank Johnson (E)	Hogan Bassey (WA)	Bobby Sinn (A)	Eric Marsden (E)
4. John v. Rensberg (SA)	Elijah Mokone (SA)	Fernand Gagnon (C)	Teddy Rainbow (A)
5. Joe Lucy (E)	Charley Hill (S)	Mannie Francis (WA)	Jimmy Quinn (S)
6. Armand Savoie (C)	Freddie Reardon (E)	Ola Enoch (WA)	Eddie O'Connor (I)
7. Alby Tissong (SA)	Teddy Peckham (E)	George O'Neill (I)	Dave Robins (E)
8. Jackie Butler (E)	Sammy Bonnici (E)	Eddie Carson (S)	Frank Bennett (A)
9. Vince Marshall (E)	Charley Tucker (E)	Colin Barber (E)	Gerry Jooste (SA)
10. Leo Molloy (E)	Russell Sands (A)	Jimmy Carson (I)	Vince Blake (A)

LEGEND—(A) Australia; (B) Barbados; (BE) Bermuda; (BG) British Guiana; (C) Canada; (E) England; (F) Fiji Islands; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (S) Scotland; (SA) South Africa; (T) Trinidad; (NZ) New Zealand; (W) Wales; (GC) Gold Coast; (WA) West Africa; (TO) Tonga.

131½, outpointed Peter Cobblah, Gold Coast, 138, over six. . . . Eddie Baker, Bournemouth, 141½, outpunched Vince Cottrell, Bristol, 133, the bout being stopped in the third with Cottrell out on his feet. Cliff Purnell, Bath, 202½, knocked out Sammy Mercier, Trinidad, 189, in the first.

▶GREAT YARMOUTH. Albert Carroll, Bethnal Green, 148, outpointed Jack Thornbury, Covent Garden, 147½, over eight rounds. . . . Ron Kensington, Tooting, 147, outpointed Cliff Lawren e, Rotherham, 148, over six. . . . Ernie Martland, Doncaster, 163¾, stopped Eddy Giles, Linton, 164, in the fourth. . . . Gordon Jenkins, Pimlico, 179, outpointed Don McCall, Doncaster, 177, over six. . . . Jimmy Carter, Great Yarmouth, 146½, outpointed Vic Smith, Croydon, 140, over six rounds. . . . Jeff Walters, Scarborough, 134, outpointed Tommy Ryan, Paddington, 136½, over six rounds.

▶WEMBLEY TOWN HALL. Ron Crookes, Sheffield, 174½, and Tony Dove, Battersea, 173½, drew over eight rounds. . . . Terry Burke, West Ham, 137½, and Ron McLaren, Hayes, 135½, drew over six rounds. . . . Don Williams, Southall, 154½, stopped Alex Gurton, Blackmoor, 160, in the fifth. . . . Billy Kiernan, Hammersmith, 143, outpointed Jimmy Matcham, Folkestone, 144¼, over six rounds. . . . Phil McCoy, Ladbroke Grove, 138, outpointed Charlie Barnard, Willesden, 139, over six. . . . Ray Nash, Wembley, 135¼, stopped Ray Mann, Gold Coast, 138, in the fourth.

▶LIVERPOOL STADIUM. Billy Ellaway, Liverpool, 160½, was disqualified for an alleged low blow in the second round of his scheduled ten with Johnny Read, Norwood, 160¾.

Leo Molloy, Birkenhead, 136, knocked out Eddy Lillis, Manchester, 135, in the sixth. . . . Ricky Simmonds, Birkenhead, 140, stopped Trevor Sykes, Huddersfield, 142, in the sixth of a scheduled eight rounder. . . . Bobby Gill, Birkenhead, 141, kayoed Jack Skelly, Belfast, 146, in the fourth. . . . Tex Williams, Carlisle, 144, outpointed Eddie Sykes, Huddersfield, 147, in their gruelling six rounder. . . . Andy Lambert, Manchester, 140, stopped Johnny Spittle, Barnesley, 145, in the first of a scheduled six rounder.

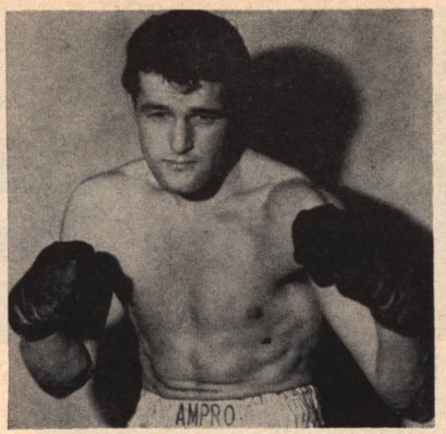
▶WATFORD. Denny Taylor, High Wycombe, 159, scored a narrow points win over Del Breen, Croydon, 155½, over eight fierce rounds. . . . Cliff Giles, Linton, 121½, outpointed Jimmy Brewer, Kings Cross, 122, over eight. . . . Arthur Murphy, Camden Town, 132½, knocked out Jackie Leonard, Islington, 132, in the second. . . . Vispi Banaghi, India, 156, knocked out Phil Anderson, Jamaica, 160, in the third. . . . Al Wilson, Nigeria, 165¾, knocked out Sid Reardon, Fulham, 162, in the fifth. . . . Bernard O'Leary, Southall, 154, knocked out Bob Harmer, Linton, 157, in the third.

▶BELFAST. George Lavery, Belfast, 157½, kept his unbeaten record intact when he stopped Jim Lindley, Doncaster, 162, in the seventh. . . . Joe Collins, Lisburn, 146¾, and Gerry McManus, Belfast, 146½, drew over eight. . . . Jim Fisher, Belfast, 127½, stopped Billy Smith, Bangor, 128½, in the second. . . . Jim Feeney, Banbridge, 133, stopped Sammy Cowan, Belfast, 136, in the third.

▶ST. AUSTELL. Rees Moore, Swansea, 147, and Paul King, Torquay, 149, boxed their way through an always interesting eight rounder to a draw. . . . Stephen Coombe, St. Austell, 186, knocked out Ted Farmer, Southampton, 185, in the sixth. . . . Rex Green, St. Austell, 123, outpointed Phil Jenkins, Senghenydd, 127, over six. . . . Johnny Mudge, Torquay, 160, knocked out Bill Watkins, Plymouth, 173, in the second. . . . Teddy Thompson, Yeovil, 163, retired in the third of a six rounder with Mick Endley, Southampton, 160. . . . Jack Goddard, Truro, 122, stopped Eric Hussey, Westonsuper-Mare, 127, in the fifth.

▶CARMARTHEN. British, Empire, and European flyweight champion Dai Dower, Wales, 114, easily outpointed Jean Kidy, Belgium, 119, over ten rounds. Dower made light of his weight disadvantage and won by the proverbial "mile". . . . Kurt Ernest, Exeter, 137½, and Emrys Jones, Oswestry, 135, drew over ten rounds. . . . Eric Billington, Golbourne, 149, outscored Parry Dando, Llanhilleth, 149, over eight. . . . Teddy Barrow, Swansea, 146, stopped Eddie Williams, Tredegar, 149, in the third. . . . Simon Templar, Jamaica, 219½, and Cliff Purnell, Bath, 222½, drew over eight rounds.

▶BIRMINGHAM. Ray Corbett, Birmingham, 139¾, outpointed Johnny Mann, Birmingham, 137, over eight rounds. . . . Johnny Miller, North Shields, 136, won from Darkie Hughes, Cardiff, 136, when the latter was disqualified in the sixth for persistent holding. . . . George Roe, Wolverhampton, 158, outpointed Jimmy Lynas, Coventry, 157¾, over six rounds. . . . Danny Chapman, Plymouth, 157½, won from Jimmy Edwards, Wolverhampton, 159, when Edwards was disqualified for hitting his opponent at the back of the head in the fourth round. . . . Johnny King, Birmingham, 141, knocked out Stan Barnett, Carlisle, 142, in the second round.



Ron Barton won on a disqualification in the third round when French Canadian Yvon Durelle alleged fouled him with a low blow. The bout was billed as an eliminator for the British Empire light heavyweight title.

▶ROYAL ALBERT HALL. Ron Barton, West Ham, 171½, can consider himself an extremely lucky young man to have won on a disqualification from Yvon Durelle, Canada, 171½, in the third of a scheduled ten rounder that was billed as an eliminator for the British Empire lightheavyweight championship.

Barton who has been considered a comer, and who has an unbeaten run of sixteen professional contests, had caught a real tough one in the French-Canadian, who showed up the limitations of the West Ham battler in no uncertain fashion. It was an extremely unfortunate ending caused by an alleged low blow, for the bout was full of excitement, and until the close, looked sure to provide many thrills for the packed stadium.

Peter Waterman, Clapham, 147, knocked out Teun Brommer, Holland, 147½, in the first of a scheduled ten rounder. . . . Jimmy Cardew, Holloway, 122½, and Johnny Barnham, Fulham, 128½, drew over eight. . . . Dennis Hinson, Dagenham, 133¼, outpointed Ron McLaren, Hayes, 134½, over six. . . . Dave Charnley, Dartford, 131¼, won from Jeff Walters, Scarborough, 131, in the sixth of an eight rounder, when the latter was disqualified for butting. . . . Arthur Howard, Islington, 174½, was outpointed over eight rounds by Austin Jones, U.S.A. 173.

▶LIVERPOOL STADIUM. Billy Ellaway, Liverpool, 161, had a quick revenge when he knocked out Johnny Read, Norwood, 161¼, in the third of a scheduled eight rounder. . . . Glyn Evans, Askern, 128½, won over Bobby Mason, Liverpool, 132, when the latter was disqualified in the fifth for an alleged low blow. . . . Alan Dean, Birkenhead, 144½, outpointed Ernie Maitland, Doncaster, 148, over six. . . . Ricky Simmonds, Birkenhead, 141½, drew with Johnny Delmore, Leeds, over six. . . . Johnny Summers, Liverpool, 181, stopped Don McColl, Doncaster, 178, in the fourth. . . . Jimmy Cottrill, Birkenhead, 138, outpointed Bernard Shaw, Liverpool, 141½, over four rounds.

▶BELFAST. Mickey Doherty, Belfast, 157½, won from Denny Taylor, High Wycombe, 155½, in the seventh of a scheduled ten rounder, when the referee decided that Taylor was "too far behind on points to win", but in this writer's opinion, the referee was a little hasty in his judgment. . . . Jimmy Quinn, Kirkintilloch, 112, stopped Jim Matthews, Belfast, 110½, in the seventh, a cut eye causing the closure. . . . Jackie Willis, Lisburn, 137½, knocked out Jim O'Brien, Belfast, 133½, in the sixth. . . . Johnny Shields, Belfast, 112¾, outpointed Dave Moore, Belfast, 112½, over eight. . . . Jim Taggart, Lisburn, 134½, stopped Harry Stanford, Belfast, 141, in the third.

▶BOURNEMOUTH. Gordon Goodman, Christchurch, 134, outpointed Freddie King, Southern Area lightweight champion, 138, over eight interesting rounds. . . . Paul King, Torquay, 150, outscored Dennis Read, Croydon, 150, over eight. . . . Al Allotey, Gold Coast, 176½, outpointed Ken Rowlands, Luton, 179, over eight. . . . Arthur Murphy, Camden Town, 136, stopped Mike Hughes, Bournemouth, 138, in the third round when Hughes suffered a gashed eyebrow. . . . Vispi Banaji, India, 161, outpointed Stan Hooker, Bournemouth, 165, over six. . . . Eddie Baker, Bournemouth, 144, and Tommy Lee, Dagenham, 147, drew over six, while Charlie Lake, Dartford, 161, outpointed Dudley Cox, Bournemouth, 161, in another six rounder.

▶WEST HARTLEPOOL. Brian London, West Hartlepool, 191½, knocked out Hugh McDonald, Glasgow, 242, in the second of a scheduled eight rounder. . . . Jack London, West Hartlepool, 173½, outpointed Ken Wyatt, Mexborough, 176, over six. . . . Dick Knox, Motherwell, 137, outpointed Bobby Raglan, 142, over six. . . . Andy Lambert, Manchester, 138½, and Jim McGuiness, Glasgow, 140, fought hard for six rounds before the nod went to McGuiness. . . . Peter Woods, Leeds, 135, stopped Peter Lancaster, Middlesborough, 131½, in the first.

NEWS FROM CUBA
By Dr. Jorge A. Vieites

SANTA CLARA: Former world's welterweight champion, Kid Gavilán, Camagüey, 152, fought Italian Luigi Cemulini, 157¼, scoring a knockdown in the second and stopped Luigi in the third with a beautiful left hook followed by his famous bolo.

Roland LaPlancha Rodríguez, won in eight from Early Scot (Welters). Aguila Ineraty stopped José (Ché) Olivera in 5 (Welters); José Minerva won in 6 from José Vega (Lights), and Orlando González stopped Gago Santos in one. (Lights).

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▶Havana: Fernando Silva, 132¼, won easily in ten from Armando (El Polaco) López, 135. Mexican Tomas Castillo, 137, stopped Armando Bragaño, 136, in the sixth.

Carlos Chivás, 140¾, won in 6 from Sergio Ríos, 141¼; Orlando Rodríguez, 118, drew in 4 with Cecilio Ariosa, 121¾; and Jesús Herrera, 109¼, won easily in 4 from Aguedo Pérez, 111½.

▶Havana: American Jimmy Ford, 144, stopped Lesmes Echevarría, 144¾, in 8.

In the setar-bout, Miguel Díaz, 147½, didn't look so well, having a hard time to win a split verdict from Gus Acosta, 146½.

Miguel Lazú, 122¼, won in six from Félix Triana, 125; Rollie García, 132½, stopped Marcos Ruíz, 135½, in one, and René Arango, 126½, stopped Pedro Estrella, 125, also in one.

▶Havana: Cuban bantam king, Orlando Reyes, 115, looked like a million, destroying Bobby Singleton, 117, in ten. After the second, it was all Reyes as he clinched the demonstration by downing Singleton in the tenth.

Martín Rodríguez, 127, a good feather, scored a t.k.o. in 4 against American Johnny Jannick, 124½.

Orlando González, 139, stopped Alfredo Martínez, 141, in 1; Alfredo Millán, 112¾, won in 4 from Benigno Almaguer, 115¾, and José R. Flores, 138¾, stopped José Lugo, 141, in 2.

Havana: Baby Cochet, 137½, lost a disputed verdict to Mexican Tomás Castillo, 137, whom Cochet had outpointed a few weeks ago in Santa Clara.

Miguel Lazú, 121, halted Enrique Fernández, 124¼, in 6. Erundino López, 115¾, stopped Humberto Castell, 114½, in three; Baby Rosales, 127¾, drew in 4 with Tato Mennendez, 124¾, and Théo Socarrás, 149, won in 4 from Indio Cerávntes.

NEWS FROM LA LAGUNA, MEXICO
By Miguel Ramirez Aznar

PLAZA DE TOROS, TORREON:—Santiago "Gallito" González, 141, easily decisioned Chucho Ruiz, 144, Mexico City veteran, after ten tedious rounds. Jorge Castro, 154, beat Chóoro Martínez, 158, in ten. Sensational Jorge Valverde, 115, scored a surprising one-round kayo over Pedro "Patitas-Chuecas" Garcia, 120, and one of the Mexico City's contenders to the bantam crown.

▶Arena "Olímpica-Laguna", Gomez Palacio: Humberto "Beto" Carbajal, 132, Yucatan lightweight, convincingly outpointed newcomer Héctor García, 132, after ten well-fought rounds. The battle was very good and Carbajal had to do his best against the Durango Scorpion who scored a clean knockdown over the Yucatecan kid in the second round. In the 10-round semi, Coca Kid, 132, Mexico City, TKO'd Fidel Lucero, 133, in the ninth round. In other 10-rounder, Kid Manolo (Manuel Luna), 127, had no problem to gain a clean-cut decision over José "Zurdo" Sarabia, 126. Antonio "Zorrito" Ramírez, 128, defeated Javier Valenzuela, 125, in six.

EUROPEAN GOSSIP

by Charlie Parish

THE spotlight for this month focused on the bantam division, where Mario D'Agata returned to action with a good win. Chemama ousted Cossemyns from the magic circle and André Valignat proved his worth by demolishing Peter Keean down in Australia. Ray Famechon was given a close run for his European feathers title over in Dublin but got the verdict. A minor riot ensued and what would you expect when they stage the fight at Donnybrook? Cavicchi wound up his building-up for the Neuhaus fight and it remains to be seen what the Italian can do against real class. Martin Hansen, the Danish middle, gave Terence Murphy a whale of a hiding in London and Hans Friedrich, Germany's Golden Boy, continued his erratic American campaign. Gus Scholz, Hoepner, Colin, Loi, Khalfi and several other old favorites saw action during the month and Seraphin Ferrer successfully underwent a nasal operation. He should soon be back in action. Bruno Bisterzo, former Italian and European lightweight champ, was killed in a motoring accident at the age of 41. The Spaniard, Young Martin, was nominated as challenger for Dai Dower's European flyweight crown.

▶ Milan, Italy. Lorenzo Rocci, the lanky railroadman who either pounds his foe to the canvas or walks straight into a roundhouse wallop, gave his fans their money's-worth when he tackled blond Willy Schagen. The Italian cruiser soaked a few rights from Schagen in the opening frame but in the second he got into gear and slammed the Dutchman to the floor. Schagen lay senseless for several minutes. Peter King, a Negro welter from Manchester, England provided more thrills when he soundly thrashed promising Umberto Vernaglione and halted the Latin in the seventh. Gheri Fretzghi, Eritrean welter, was another Negro who won decisively, knocking out Herbert Glaser, German rehead, in the second, whilst another German, Willi Gelhaar, was likewise counted out in the second frame of his lightweight slam with Remo Viarengo. David Gogotya, South African Negro, was defeated over eight rounds by the local bantam, Letterio Petilli.

▶ Seraing, Belgium. The national welter king, Pierre Wouters, stopped Alois Brand of Germany in the eighth round of an interesting bout.

▶ Venice, Italy. Sergio Milan took on the valiant but third-rate German feather, Walter Schoop, and cleaned him up in four rounds whilst Nello Barbadoro halted Poli in the second session of another feathers fray. Big Aldo Pellegirni flattened Bernard Smitz (née Bonikowski), German heavy, in four and Dante Madella whipped Fausto Boaroto in a middles six.

▶ Florence, Italy. Gino Rossi was very lucky to get the verdict over Georges Norel, the hardy French middleweight, in an eight-rounder and Robert Tartari, French feather, did well to whip Rino Stiaccini, also in eight. Bernard Vasseur won by disqualification in the second round against Caini in a welter affair.

▶ Paris. Middleweights stole the limelight at the Salle Wagram. In the main shot were Ahmed Boulgroune and Gaston Meulenbrouck, two hard-hitters; the decision went to Boulgroune after ten hotly disputed rounds. It was Gino Menozzi who earned the most applause, however, as he neatly outpointed young Roger Atlan over ten and Manoel Martineira earned the nod over Peter Pinder after eight rounds. At the Central Club, Maurice Mols became the new heavyweight champ of Paris by outscoring the former Italian national, Bernard Pacini, over ten rounds.

▶ Rome, Italy. A new name in the heavyweight division is that of Antonio Crosia, a youngster from Piacenze. Crosia, 192, tackled beefy Gianbattista Alfonsetti, 203, and punched too hard and bo'ed too niftily for the overweight Roman, who lost clearly on points after eight rounds. Stefano Bellotti was held to a draw by the ex-welter king, Luigi Male, over eight and Sergio Capriri, 126, shattered Heinz Klein of Germany, 129, in two rounds. Armando Mattei, 157, whipped Ennio Antonelli, 156, over eight.

▶ Chateau-Thierry, France. Francis Bonnardel challenged Marcel Lesage, the redoubtable southpaw kayo artist and swapped punch for punch until the local fighter succumbed and did not come out for the seventh heat. Enzo Ganadu laced Delplace in a feathers eight. At Granville, André Drille outdistanced the workmanlike Tunisian middle, Roland Romano, over ten and Vivier checked Jacques Louni in the third of a lightie larrup. Jacques Colomb returned to action at Chambery with a noteworthy points win over the Belgian bantam, Alex Bollaert, over ten rounds.

▶ Edouard Lewko topped the bill for the first time at Lille, punching out a win over the Belgian welter, Edgard Delannoit, who remained in his corner at the call for the seventh round. At Dunkirk, two southpaws mixed matters: Marcel Ranvial proved unlucky and was counted out in the fifth round of his featherweight clash with Malta's Sammy Bonnici. Jean Gheerardyn nodded Jean Vincke, Belgian lightie, over eight.

▶ Michel Lombardet came through with a fresh victory over the North African welter, Messaoudi, beating the visitor over ten rounds at Besancon. At Tours, André Granet drew with Torrecilla in a feathers ten.

Amsterdam, Holland. Wim Snoek recaptured something of his old style when he knocked out the clever Guadeloupe Negro, Serge Barthelemy, in the ninth round of their cruiser clash. Pedro Klijssen easily trounced Joe Walcott, Trinidad middle, over eight and Jimmy Black, Trinidad lightweight, laced Hannes Schneider over eight. Boswell St. Louis, third of the Trinidad tourists, halted Kid Belfor in the fourth of a welter session and Georges Bracco, French middle, was ruled out in the sixth stanza of his bout with Tonni Bars for striking low.

▶ Asnières, France. The efficient German lightweight, Albert Müller, gave the local star, Jacques Prigent, a lively ten minutes before weakening under the Frenchman's barrage. The end came in the seventh when Müller's corner slung in the towel. Young Roger Prigent, lightie, also stopped his fore, André Sotto, in the seventh. At the Pairs Central, highly-favored Claude Cordier-Galetti repeated a previous decision by outscoring Umberto Paccagnella in a middles ten. Pierre De Souza trimmed Attia ben Aissa in a bantam eight.

▶ St. Ouen, France. Two more German visitors were given some rough treatment here. André Jasse stopped Herman Lewandowski in the sixth of a bantam session with a cut eye and southpaw André Mauguin won by disqualification in the seventh round against Gert Müller, the Rhineland welter, who repeatedly used his head as a third fist.

▶ Pisa, Italy. Mario Rossellini fought a draw with Gaetano De Lucia in a hard-fought lightweight ten, Sergio Burghi, new cruiser comer, ripped into wily Gaetano Guerriero and had him looking like the famous leaning tower until in the fourth round the hard-pressed Guerriero began using his knees as offensive weapons and was promptly ruled out. Giancarlo Dugini stiffened the French bantam De Petris in three and Guido Mazzinghi knocked out Mohamed Salah in the second stanza of a middles maul.

▶ Bologna, Italy. The large crowd which turned up to watch Franco Cavicchi at work were greatly disappointed. His opponent, Emile Degreef of Belgium, is a very modest fighter and was wheeled off with a broken rib in the second round. The rest of the card was also made up of Italo-Belgian contests. Umberto Del Carlo returned to action with a triumph over Cyriel Alloo in a welter six and Italy's welter king, Emilio Marconi, stopped Alois De Wulf in the fifth. Enrico Macale earned a draw against Jean Devos in a lightweight eight.

▶ St. Brieuc, France. Francis Coeuret recovered some prestige by stopping the huge Negro, Paul Sylva, in seven rounds here whilst Gaston Mathieu whipped Julien Rabaini in a welter eight. At Chateauroux, Jean Piniarski, the unbeaten middles prospect, suffered a rude shock by getting himself narrowly whipped on points by the Italian from Tunis, Tino Albanese. At Chalons, Jacques Herbillon was again in a hurry, knocking out the Spanish welter, José Segura in the opening frame. Juan Crespo, a Spanish bantam, evened the score

CONTINENTAL RATINGS

(Month Ending June 18, 1955)

HEAVIES	CRUISERS	MIDDLES	WELTERS
1. Heinz Neuhaus (G)	Willi Hoepner (G)	Charles Humez (F)	Idrissa Dione (F)
2. Franco Cavicchi (I)	Gerhard Hecht (G)	Gustav Scholz (G)	Sauveur Chiocca (F)
3. Hein ten Hoff (G)	Charles Colin (F)	Claude Milazzo (F)	Chris Christensen (D)
4. Ingo Johansson (SW)	Willi Besmanoff (G)	Hans Stretz (G)	Kid Dussart (B)
5. Gunther Nurnberg (G)	Wim Snoek (H)	Pierre Langlois (F)	Bep van Klaveren (H)
6. Kurt Schiegl (A)	Ivan Fontana (I)	Franco Festucci (I)	Valere Benedetto (F)
7. Uber Bacilieri (I)	Claude Arnaiz (F)	Peter Muller (G)	Jacques Herbillon (F)
8. Werner Wiegand (G)	Marcel Limage (B)	Tiberio Mitri (I)	Jacques Prigent (F)
9. Hans Friedrich (G)	Lorenzo Rocci (I)	Leen Jansen (H)	Ernst Zetzmann (G)
10. Giannino Luise (I)	Artemio Calzavara (I)	Olle Bengtsson (SW)	Raphael Dasylva

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERS	BANTAMS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Duilio Loi (I)	Ray Famechon (F)	Robert Cohen (F)	Nazzareno Gianelli (I)
2. Seraphin Ferrer (F)	Fred Galiana (S)	Mario D'Agata (I)	Young Martin (S)
3. Hoacine Khalfie (F)	Cherif Hamia (F)	Hilaire Pratesi (F)	Robert Mouginot (F)
4. Giancarlo Garbelli (I)	Jose Hernandez (S)	Andre Valignat (F)	Aristide Pozzali (I)
5. Bruno Visinton (I)	Jean Sneyers (B)	Emile Chemama (F)	Henri Schmitt (F)
6. Werner Handke (G)	Rudi Langer (G)	Pierre Cossemyns (B)	Emile Delplanque (B)
7. Louis Carrara (F)	Mohamed Chickaoui (F)	Piero Rollo (I)	Guy Schatt (F)
8. Edouard Ptak (F)	Sergio Milan (I)	Dante Bini (F)	Pipo Dionisio (F)
9. Lahouri Godih (F)	Altidoro Polidori (I)	Roberto Spina (I)	Hilaire Gaviano (F)
10. Joseph Janssens (B)	Manolo Garcia (S)	Jean Renard (B)	Andre Jasse (F)

LEGEND: (A) Austria; (B) Belgium; (D) Denmark; (F) France; (G) Germany; (H) Holland; (I) Italy; (P) Portugal; (S) Spain; (SW) Sweden.

by outclassing Maurice Hautois over eight rounds.

▶ Dijon, France. The American middle, Baby Day (Lewis Warren) did well to outpoint the up and coming André Oueille over ten rounds. At St. Lô in Normandy, blond Marcel Tirel got more than he bargained for from the rugged German, Fritz Wentzel. The latter, a baby-faced blond who has had several fights in France, tore into Tirel continuously and finally knocked the Norman kicking in round seven. At Blois, Gérard Bertin defeated the Polish middle, Jacques Ziolkowski, over ten rounds.

▶ Marseilles, France. There is no doubt that France reigns more or less supreme in the bantam division. The Star of the South, Emile Chemama, made this clear by ousting from his path none other than Pierre Cossemyns, of Belgium, in less than three rounds. Chemama hammered his opponent to the canvas twice in the second session and in the third he smacked the Belge with a right which dropped him yet again. Cossemyns regained his feet and raised his arms in sign of surrender. Louis Trochin, the redoubtable mulatto middleweight from Marseilles, gained his most important victory to date by thrashing cagey Mickey Laurent over ten rounds.

▶ Savona, Italy. Cesare Bagnoli, fast-improving cruiser comer, was too good for the veteran Renato Aiello and finished off his man in the third round. At Asti, Paolo Cipriani outscored Remo Viarengo in a lightie eight. At Gallarate, Mario D'Agata, leading contender for the world bantam crown, boxed an exhibition with Letterio Petilli. D'Agata, it will be recalled, was shot by a business associate when he returned home from Australia. The deaf-mute recovered from his serious wounds and it remains to be seen whether the incident has affected his boxing career. Mario Savoldi won a clear points victory over Angelo Idi in a middles ten and Cosimo Pezzuto trimmed Gaudenzio Garutti in a fast bantam eight.

▶ Paris. At the Salle Wagram, Jacques Dumesnil was given too hard a task against Hoacine Khalfit, who beat the boulevardier clearly on points although Dumesnil's clowning tended to make the affair rather humorous. Felix Chiocca, kid brother of Sauveur, stopped veteran Jean Archambault in the sixth of a lightweight bout and Eugène D'Alessio won by a disqualification over the Negro heavy, Ernest Chalono, who was ruled out in the sixth for butting.

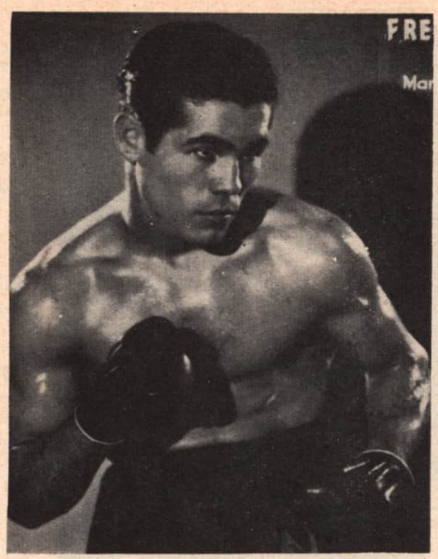
▶ Dakar, French West Africa. Idrissa Dione was not too impressive in his native city against the Portuguese welter king, Raphael Da Sylva, who is also a Negro hailing from the not so far distant Cape Verde Islands. Da Sylva had his man in trouble in the last rounds but the nod went to Dione.

▶ Scheveningen, Holland. Bep van Klaveren entertained holiday-makers here by a great exhibition of fitness (age 45) but it was generally considered that he did not do enough to warrant a victory over the efficient German welter, Freddi Teichmann. The Berliner had the Dutch Methuselah in trouble on several occasions and cut his man up badly, only to lose the decision after ten rounds. Nick Moos defeated Alois Brand, German welter, over six rounds and Leen Jansen retained his Dutch middles title by defeating Nico Schoenmaker over twelve.

▶ Limoges, France. A long time has elapsed since Louis Skena gave up his national flyweight title. Finally, Robert Mouginot and Pipo Dionisio were engaged to find a successor and victory went to Mouginot, the workmanlike little Parisian, over twelve rounds. André Granet trimmed Louis Poncy in a hard-fought feathers ten.

▶ Paris. At the Salle Wagram, Sauveur Chiocca overcame a tough obstacle when he outpointed blond René Lacaze in a thrilling ten rounder which saw the courageous Lacaze several times on the verge of being knocked out. Jacques Julien whipped Guy Berthereau in a welter eight and Henryet nodded Assane Saki in a lightie eight. Marius Dori beat Claude Lapleige in a welter eight. Lacaze was sent to hospital for observation after his fight with Chiocca but released the following day. At the Central Club, Serge Levêque won over rugged Serge Van Zandt in a robust middles ten and Roger Busata drew with Stanis Sobolak in a bantam eight.

▶ Casale Monferrato, Italy. Pietro Rollo, newly-crowned bantam king of Italy, was in top form against th eaggressive Spaniard, Juan Cadalso, and won on points after ten lively rounds. Piero Baldini whipped the Fernch cruiser, Jean Rouch, over eight. At Prato, Gino Campagna outscored the Spanish welter, Antonio Lopez over ten rounds and Walter Sarti got the better of Tignard, a French welter, over six.



Fred Galiana, leading contender for the European featherweight title, who successfully defended his Spanish lightweight crown, halting game Carmelo Beraza in the tenth round. It was Galiana's ninth straight knockout win this year.

▶ Kiel, Germany. Willi Hoepner entered the ring for the first time as European cruiser champ and this must have improved his powers of concentration. Ray Schmit of Luxembourg, in the opposite corner, had never been kayoed and had previously gone the distance with Hoepner, had even allowed himself the luxury of putting the German in serious danger. This time there was no messing. Schmit got on his cycle and sprinted away from Hopener but the champ caught him up in the fifth and landed the finisher. Simon Avankin, 189, figured to have a soft touch in clumsy Robert Warmbrunn, 199, but the big Hamburger kept off the Sable Slasher for a couple of rounds. In the third, Warmbrunn let fly with a right which laid the French colonial cold as a frozen cod. Uwe Janssen, 177, did well to outpoint the rugged Austrian, Karl Ameisbichler, 181, over eight after dropping the guest several times whilst Horst Niche, 177, triumphed over durable Günther Balzer, 171, in a good six-rounder. Horst Kemena, 162, was given the verdict over youthful Herbert Sowa, 156, after six rounds and Erich Walter, 167, debuted successfully by decisioning Hans Obermeier over four.

▶ Milan, Italy. A large crowd turned up at the Vigorelli Stadium to watch Duilio Loi, European lightweight king, do battle with the Frenchman, Louis Carrara. Carrara was born in Italy himself and this found him many supporters in the crowd as he made Loi look bad by efficient counter-punching and generally tieing up the champion's attacks. Loi got the decision by a small margin after ten rounds. Another Milanese star was dimmed, that of Lorenzo Rocci, the hard-hitting cruiser. Rocci bumped into his harder foe yet, Ivano Fontana, and here it was a battle of brains and experience against youth and dynamic punching. Fontan's skill prevailed, he rapidly got control of Rocci and bewildered the tall railroadman with a dazzling left and series of hard rights. The end came in the twelfth round when Rocci was stopped. The bout was scheduled as a cruiser title affair but the champion, Fontana, came in over the limt and thus forfeited his crown. (Owing to bad weather, the rest of the program was adjourned to the following day.)

Tiberio Mitri continued his umpteenth comeback in fine style. His foe was the Senegalese middle, Constant Alcantra, a worthy opponent who nevertheless was frequently in danger and lost by a wide margin over ten rounds. Mitri has beaten Alcantara twice before. Gincarlo Garbelli earned himself the right to meet Loi for the Italian title by gaining a close but deserved win over classy Bruno Visinton in a hard ten.

▶ Berlin, Germany. Gus the Great needed his best form to outsmart the cagey Costa Rican middle, Tuzo Portuguez, in a robust ten at the Sports Palace. Scholz hammered the rugged visitor with some of his best clouts but failed to drop him. A clear points win for the Berliner confirmed Sholz as a serious contender for Humez in their forthcoming European title fight. William Besmanoff stopped the French cruiser, Roland Guillé, in three and Max Resch punched his way to a points win over wily Gino Menozzi in a middles eight. Alfred Schweer trimmed Henri Podevin of France in a feathers four and Siegfried Burrow drew with Michel Lombardet in a welter eight. Ernst Zetzmann, undefeated welter puncher, scraped home winner against a fellow-southpaw, André Mauguin, after eight torrid rounds.

▶ St. Nazaire, France. Charles Colin kept up his fight-a-month schedule, a title bout with Hoepner as the target, taking on Heinz Sachs, the blond German cruiser, as victim. Sachs, a former champion but now in the veteran stage, took the count in round five. At Nice, a newcomer called Emile Vidal made his debut in the paid ranks. For his first bout he accepted the heavyweight champion of Provence, Jacques Strocchio, and celebrated by knocking him out. At Dreux, another heavyweight, Armand Boudin, similarly endowed with a hefty clout, flattened Pierre Debrossard in the second round.

▶ Liege, Belgium. On a Franco-Belgian card here, the visitors came off second best as usual. Kid Dussart, now 34, was too foxy for the attacks of Jean Ruellet and whipped him well enough on points. Abel Soudan halted Bouadjemi Mokhfi in the eighth of a welter slam and Jean Renard won his twenty-fourth straight victory by scraping home a narrow winner against André Younsi in a feathers ten. Pierre Wouters successfully defended his national welter crown by stopping veteran Charles Odon in the eighth canto.

▶ Paris. At the Salle Wagram, Germinal Ballarin carried too many guns for the plucky German middle, Fritz Wentzel, and obliged the invader to retire in the sixth after taking a terrible hammering. Manuel Martineira, a Portuguese middle hailing from Morocco, was very unlucky to be adjudged loser against Michel Masson after eight hard rounds. Caillot whipped Daublin in a welter six. At the Paris Central, Cisse Osmane, Negro from West Africa, stopped Roland Fontaine in the third of a middles encounter.

▶ Florence, Italy. Franco Cavicchi gained a rather questionable triumph over the tough Belgian, Robert Eugè, 230, who came in 22-lbs. heavier than the Italian. Eugène recently upset Cavicchi's unbroken run of quick wins and in this second meeting he soaked up the Italian's clouts without turning a hair. In the fifth round he raised his arms in sign of defeat and went to his corner. Cavicchi's next bout is against Heinz Neuhaus, for the European title, at Bologna. Luciano Raddi, 178, outfought the French veteran, Jacques Lebègue, until in the third round the ref halted the bout and sent the visitor to his corner, for "manifest inferiority". Artemio Calzavara stopped Vannes Benassi in the fifth of another cruiser slam and Gaetano De Lucia drew with Ray Paini in a lightweight eight.

▶ Arques, France. Roger Facqueur, highly-touted welter hitter, punched out a points win over the Nigerian Negro, Santos Martins, over ten rounds. At Thionville, Joseph Kellhoffner outscored the German middle, Alois Formella, over ten.

▶ Pavia, Italy. Annibale Omodei, rising lightweight hope, rid himself of Luciano Giusti in one round, Anistide Pozzali outscored Rolland, a French bantam, over eight and Luciano Vigna regained his winning ways by defeating the Franco-Italian heavyweight, Frank Mariany, over eight rounds. At Viareggio, Emilio Marconi won by a disqualification in the eighth round over the Greco-French welter, Elie Makridis and Umberto Del Carlo grabbed the duke from Marcel Guyon in another welter affair. Letterio Petilli, showing great form of late, got home by a hair's breadth against the French bantam star, Jacques Collomb, after eight rounds.

▶ Essen, Germany. There was a poor attendance at this show which headlined Leo Starosch against the Belgian diehard, Harry "The Bull" Mino. The Belgian had much the worst of it and did not come out for the sixth round of this middles encounter. Gert Müller nodded Willi Gelhaar in a lightweight six and Karlheinz Fiederichs laced Claus Miska in another lightie six. Emil Koch outfought the Belgian Congo middle, Idrissa Allouan, over six and Sattler trounced Günther Chomuntowski in a welter four.

▶ Alessandria, Italy. Emile Vidal undertook his second pro bout against the promising Italian cruiser comer, Pietro Baldini, undefeated in fourteen bouts. The Frenchman, who has hitherto favoured rugger as chief sport, ripped into Baldini and dropped him twice, continuing his aggressiveness until the final gong. Vidal won by a wide margin after eight rounds.

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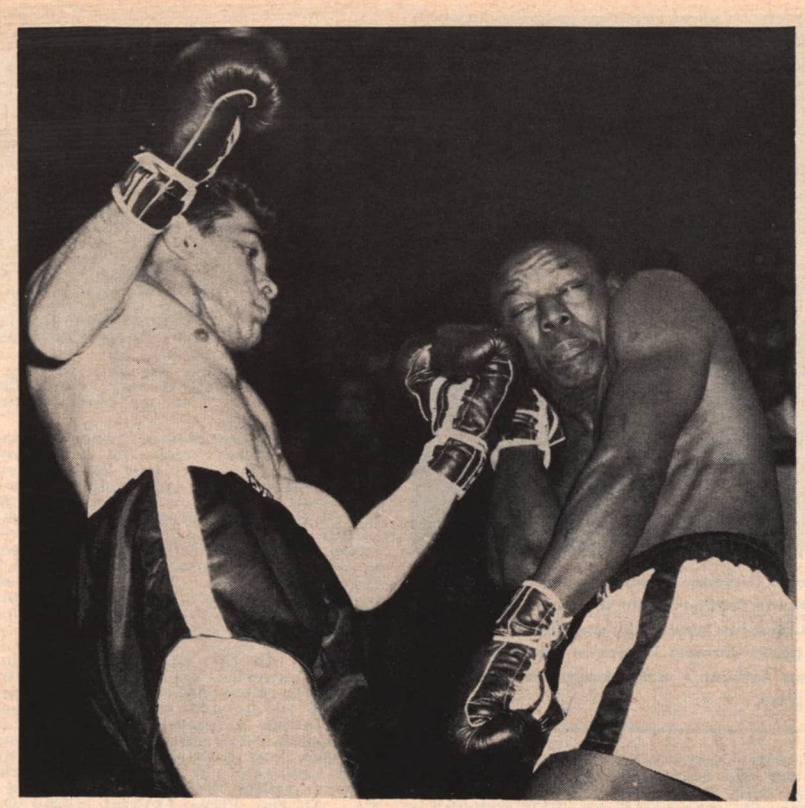

Joe Miceli rips a left to the head of Virgil Akins in the opening seconds of their St. Nick's bout. A few moments later Akins exploded a flurry of blows to floor Joe three times and halt him in 2:41 of the first round.

FROM VIENNA, AUSTRIA
By Leo Vollnhofer

KIEL, GERMANY:—Karl Ameisbichler, former Austrian light heavyweight champ, acting as a last minute substitute, and weighing 180, was narrowly outpointed by up and coming Uwe Janssen of Germany, 1954 amateur heavyweight champion. Janssen had the better start and scored a knockdown in the second, but in the last two rounds of the scheduled 6-rounder Ameisbichler was boss.

▶Essen, Germany:—Leo Starosch, Austrian middleweight champion, dominated his opponent, Harry Mino of Belgium, from the very beginning, forcing the Belgian to surrender in the pause after the sixth.

▶Vienna, MAERZ-RING, 2,000 fans attending:—First card of the season, four Viennese lads fighting German veterans. Former Austrian lightweight champ, Karl Marchart, bested Hans Nesemann of Germany after six rounds.

Ambitious middleweight Hubert Weninger of Austria knocked out German trial horse, Hans Motzelt, in the opening round with a left hook. In the main bout, Austrian lightweight boss, Willi Swoboda, knocked out the game but outclassed German veteran, Walter Limbach, in the second round. Second ranking Austrian middleweight Alfons Kubes scored a convincing points victory after eight rounds against the experienced Theo Imbsweiler of Germany.

NEWS FROM VENEZUELA
By William Albert

ISMAEL ESPANA, 148½, champion of Venezuela, shot his right hand to the air and unexepectedly Tito D'Spainge was down to the canvas for the 10 count in the first round.

Leslie Thompson, 128, also was kayoed, by our promising featherweight, Guillermo "Chicharrita" Medina, 127½, in two rounds, and in similar form to the other foreign boxer. The fighters of Panama, D'Spaigne and Thompson temporarily were arrested by the police and their money retained by the Boxing Commission of D. F.

Emilio Jackson, brillian Venezuelan welterweight, lost on a knockout to the Italian, Fernando Spalotta, in nine.

Isaac Isturiz, 130, halted Dionisio Salazar, 132, in 3 rounds. Ramon Calatzyud, 112, won over Felipe Blanco in 4.

▶Caracas: Victor "Sonny" Leon, 126¾, our featherweight king, stopped Benjamin Rodriguez, 124¼, of Cuba in three rounds.

In the semi final—the best fight of the card—Vicente Matute, 132, Venezuelan lightweight prospect, scored three knockdowns over Nilo Blanco, 137, of Cuba in the second and outboxed him the rest of the way, winning the decision of one judge and referee.

Pedro Sierra of Spain kayoed Eloy Pacheo in four. Marcelino "Lefty" Molina, 136¾, outpointed Spaniard Ignacio Ascencio, 134¼ in eight.

Candelario Suarez, 150, defeated Samuel Nuñez, 154, of Portugal in six. Nicola Ascanio, promising flyweight, had a good debut and won by a knockout over Jose Romero in four. They weighed: 112¼.

▶Carupano, Ven. Luis Barreto, lightweight champ of Venezuela, scored a knockout over Enrique Bidau in six. Barreto floored his opponent with a vigorous right swing.

BOXING IN YUCATAN
By Eduardo Amer G

MERIDA, YUC: Lucio Torres, 122, of Veracruz, defeated Joe Corso, 123, in ten rounds; Augustín González, 132, of Veracruz, kayoed Felip "Babalú" Novelo, 130, in the eighth; Nando Carvajal, 116, the best prospect of THE RING for May in the flyweights, drew with Cubanito González, 115, in six; Filipino II, 104, KO'd Moncho Castillo, 102, in the opening round; William Briceño, 103, iced Kid Espuma, 106, in 3 rounds.

▶MERIDA, YUC: Mike Hernández, 122, champ of Yucatán, and Lucio Torres, 123, drew in a slow ten-rounder; César "Borracho" Morales, 130, and Augustí González, 132, fought a draw in 10; Negro Medina, 113, boxed a draw battle in six rounds with Baby Orozco, 118; Joe Canto, 114, scored a three round knockout over Torito González, 111; Roy Sansores, 114, knocked out Relámpago de Hunucmá, 112, in the fourth round.

▶MERIDA, YUC: Baby Gamboa, 138, TKO'd veteran Black Bill, 139, in seven rounds; Peter Zapata, 111, clever little boxer, and Nando Carvajal, 115, drew in a great fight, both are undefeated; the fight was scheduled in 8; Eligio Rosado, 127, and Ambers Kid, 128, were thrown out of the ring with a no contest verdict; Joe Canto, 114, scored another triumph, knocking out Cornelio Salazar, 112, in 2; Filipino II, 104, bested William Briceño, 104, in four rounds.

▶POZA RICA, VER: José Eduardo Quijano, featherweight of Yucatán and brother of Victor Manuel, kayoed Eliseo Hernández in the sixth round.

▶ACAPULCO, GRO: Raúl Solís, bantamweight of Yucatán, scored a sensational eight rounds TKO over Javier "Babe-Face" Gutiérrez.

▶CHAMPOTON, CAMP: Manuel Ravell, welterweight of Yucatán, and Pantera de Campotón drew in eight rounds; Bombero Auguilar, won a decision over Diamante Ramírez also in eight.

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BOXING NEWS FROM HAWAII
By Ted Yamachika

IN WHAT TURNED OUT to be a dull rematch, Francis Militante, 115, repeated an unanimous 10 round win over Takeshi Yamaguchi, 115, Japan importation, at the Civic Auditorium. The margin of victory for the Honolulu fighter over the Japanese was slightly better this time.

The fight was close up to the sixth but when Yamaguchi weakened in the seventh and Militante decided to open up, the bout really became a one sided affair. Yamaguchi was practically hanging on in the last two rounds and nearly went down several times from blows to his midriff.

The best fight of the evening was the six round semi-final between Rufino Ridella, 123¼, and Masaji Tonami, 126¾, of Japan. Tonami copped a split decision on the strength of his having scored knockdowns in the first, second and third rounds. He was down once himself in the third from a solid right to the jaw.

The fight card was promoted by the Boxing Enterprises, Ltd., and drew a small crowd of 1,251 fans for a gross of $2,073.50.

Aladino Gusman, 137, making a comeback after eight months of inactivity, TKO'ed Bobby Acusta, 134½, in the fourth of a scheduled six round fight. Joey Benson, 118¾, scored a TKO win over Al Palpallatoc, 117, in the sixth and final round. Sam Wailani, 144¾, decisioned Augustine Cantiberos, 138½, in the four round opener.

GERMAN BOXING DIARY
by J. A. Tree

KIEL: AT THE OSTSEEHALLE, 6,000 saw European and German cruiserweight champion Willi Hoepner (Hamburg) halt Ray Schmidt, the Luxembourg title holder, in five heats. Hoepner had outpointed him on two previous occasions.

Bobby Warmbrunn (Hamburg), heavyweight, kayoed Simon Ayankin (France) in three. Horst Niche (Berlin), cruiser, outpointed Gunther Balzer (Celle) in six rounds. Herbert Sowa (Hamborn) lost to Horst Kemena (Dortmund) over six rounds. Examateur Erich Walter (Frankfurt) defeated Hans Obermeier (Berlin) in six rounds. Hamburger Uwe Janssen outscored Karl Ameisbichler (Austria) in a six rounder.

▶Berlin: A crowd of 6,000 saw Gustav Scholz (Berlin) remain undefeated as he outpointed Tuzo Portuguez, Costa Rican who has done much fighting in American rings, over ten rounds. The fight, held at the Sportpalast, was a dull affair, with Scholz boxing coolly throughout and hurting his man toward the end of the bout. But Portuguez was too tough and strong to be put down.

Alfred Schweer (Bochum) outscored Henri Podevin (France) over four rounds. Roland Guille (France) was kayoed by Willi Besmanhoff (Berlin) in three rounds. Michael Lombardet (France) and Siegfried Burrow (Datteln), welters, shared points over eight rounds. Gino Menozzi (Italy) lost on points to middle Max Resch (Stuttgart) over eight rounds. Menozzi was down in the second, fourth, fifth and seventh rounds. Andre Mauguin (France) lost on points to Ernst Zetzmann (Berlin) over six rounds.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. Jimmie Amann

JIMMY BROWN, FORMER TRAINER of Ezz Charles, has built himself up a good stable of fighters headed by welter Frankie Betts. Jimmy plans to have one of the largest stables in the mid west before 1955. Brown is a hustler—is a keen judge of boxing ability and a AAA-1 trainer and corner man—he should turn out to be a most successful manager.

George Boddie, the Dayton, O., middleweight, seems to have hit his best stride when he signed up with manager Ted Ordanik of Fairborn. George has been looking like a package of dynamite in his most recent ring showings and Ordanik is mapping a campaign which will pit Boddie against the leading 160 pounders in the world.

NEWS FROM SUNNY AUSTRALIA
By Ray Mitchell

LITTLE FRENCHMAN, ANDRE VALIGNAT, proved to Sydney fans that PETER KEENAN could not handle unorthorodoxy, when he outclassed the Scotsman to win a handy points decision. Keenan had looked a polished boxer against Australian champion, Bobby Sinn, but few realized Keenan had nothing to beat that night. Sinn was but a shadow of the Bobby we had come to know. Naturally, the clever Keenan looked good. But Valignat is a fast mover and he is unorthodox.

▶At Sydney Stadium, Australian and Empire lightweight champion PAT FORD had an easy passage with Scotsman, Dan McTAGGART. Pat had the Scotsman nearly out in the first round, but Don recovered. However, McTaggart did not win a round and showed he had but two attributes—toughness and gameness. Referee Vic Patrick stopped it in the 12th round and crowned Ford winner by K.O.

▶COL CLARKE, our lightweight sensation, who punches harder than any fighter, pound for pound, I have seen in 25 years of fight viewing, added another victim to his tally at Leichhardt when he knocked out GEORGE BRACKEN with the first right hand he threw in the second round. His tally now is 22 K.O.'s in 23 fights.

▶At Brisbane Stadium the Algerian, LAHOURE GODIH, comfortably outpointed JACKIE RYAN. It will be remembered that Godih received a points decision over Pat Ford recently.

▶Brisbane's welter prospect CURLY OSLAND, met another up-an-comer in GLEN CARSBURG, in a special challenge match for 100 pounds (about 222 dollars) at Brisbane Stadium. It was a good fight which went the distance of 12 rounds, Osland receiving the verdict. This boy looks at though he could go on to national honors in time.

Supporting this match was a 15-rounder. In this State title tilt, DICK WHITE became Queensland bantam champion by halting the holder, ABBIE TRANBY, in 9 rounds.

▶HARRY GROGAN is having a great spin in recent weeks. This powerful hitter from North Queensland, who has been fighting at Sydney in recent months as a middleweight, recently decided to make welter limit, as at a couple of pounds over, he flattened PERCY SIMPSON at Sydney Stadium, in the smart time of 62 seconds of the first round. A week later, weighing one and half pounds over the welter limit, he flattened PHIL WARREN in 76 seconds of the first round. Each was billed for 12 rounds.

Warren had previously stopped Phil Burt in three rounds, due to an eye cut, at Melbourne.

▶Leichhardt Stadium put on a return between Spaniard, RICARDO MARCOS and CLARRIE GROGAN, big brother of Harry. Marcos won on points for the second time—and for the second time the verdict was close. Marcos, who came to Australia as Spanish welter champion, is now finding difficulty in making the middleweight limit.

▶BILLY TODD won a very narrow points decision over BILLY McDONALD at Sydney Stadium in a 12. McDonald surprised by being some five pounds over the welter limit. Todd made the limit.

▶DON JOHNSON outpointed PRAN MIKUS at Brisbane Stadium and pulled in a packed house to see him do it. Don was never introduced to the men who write the books on the art of boxing and he has but a very casual nodding acquaintance with the Marquis of Queensberry, but he sure is a showman. A pity we don't have TV in Australia yet, as he would be a sensation. Mikus never learned to handle Bronco, as Don is called, having lost four times to the wild man.

▶YOUNG LAYTON has given away the idea of fighting as a featherweight, and is now, once more, a fully-fledged lightweight. At Brisbane Stadium, Layton knocked out ALEC WELDON in three heats.

▶A young lightweight from the country town of Young, N.S.W., recently arrived in Sydney with a challenge to Col Clarke. He is BRUCE BLAKE. Leichhardt promoters decided to test him with MAX SIMPSON. They fought a hectic draw. A week later, Blake went in with CHARLIE SMITH and was halted in nine rounds.

▶Victorian bantamweight, BINDI JACK, won a points decision over South Australian, CARLO BONITO at Melbourne. Maybe the name, Bindi Jack, intrigues you. Well, he is an aborigine. "Bindi" is a burr, usually called "bindi-eye", which is found in certain grasses.

▶Final result of the month was the match between middleweight KEV CLUES and JOE DAMIAMI, at Melbourne. Clues won on points.

▶That is all for this month. My address is 24 Milburn Rd:, Gymea, N.S.W., Australia.

COVERING NEW ENGLAND
By Charley Longo

BOSTON: A newcomer to the game, Bob Murphy, Brighton, Mass., 147, went over in a big way by winning a unanimous ten round decision over Vic Cardell, Hartford, Conn., veteran. Cardell weighed 151.

It was the first main event for Murphy who fought a smart battle for eight rounds, his heavier punching proving too much for Cardell.

Bobby McHugh, 138, Brighton, halted Stoney Godet, 140, Hartford, in two. Frankie Della Penna, 147½, Somerville, knocked out Johnny Parker 148, Springfield, in two. Butsy Gallant, 150, Chelsea, and Willie Renfroe, 153, Hartford, drew in six. Bob Young, 174, Providence, outpointed Roger Wiley, 175, Beverley, in eight. Ray Phillips, 186, Boston, knocked out Lou Holmes, 185, Brooklyn, in the second round.

▶Brockton: Rafael Meretino, 159½, Argentina, stopped Tommy Smith, 151½, Providence, in the sixth round at the Maple Arena.

Willie (Pineapple) Stevenson, 139½, Boston, kayoed Steve Ward, 138½, Hartford, in the sixth. Bobby West, 125, Boston, outpointed Paul Lee, 129, Hartford, in six rounds. Frankie Della Penna, 147½, Somerville, outpointed Toby Silvia, 156, Fall River, in six rounds.

▶Boston: Larry Boardman, New Haven lightweight sensation who has lost one fight in twenty-eight, put on a strong finish to win a split ten round decision over Tommy Tibbs, Boston.

Joey Cam, East Boston, had a tough time with Irish Stan Smith, 135½, Bridgeport, before stopping him in the sixth.

Claude Chapman, 171, Cambridge, knocked out Roger Wiley, 178½, Beverley, in the fourth. Cliff Hutchinson, 142½, Somerville, was outpointed by Walter Byars, 138½, Roxbury, in six. Bobby McHugh, 135½, Brighton, knocked Joe Hawkes, 140, New York, out with one punch in the first round.

▶Brockton: Undefeated Ed Connors, 150, Sharon, Mass., halted Jimmy Mattos, 150, Lawrence, in the fifth round.

Johnny Hoye, 210, Taunton, stopped Andy Henry, New York, in the fifth. Willie Stevenson, 143, Boston, outpointed Don Southern, 145, Newport, R. I., in eight. Petey Cass, 149, Boston, kayoed Ted Bishop, 147, Lawrence, in two.

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BOXING BITS FROM VIRGINIA
By Jack Levinson

VIRGIL PEVERALL, a former 135-lb. Virginia State amateur champion, of Portsmouth, is now residing in Roanoke. The ex-champion is under the capable guidance of professional manager Emmett Jacobs. Peverall intends invading the pro ranks in the very near future. Virgil started boxing in 1947. Since that time he has engaged in 52 contests, losing but 11 decisions. He has NEVER been floored. While boxing in the army, he went to the finals of the European championships and won two other championships in France.

▶RINGSIDE NOTES: Boxing Commissioner Joseph Bauers is now in his 21st year of consecutive service in office . . . Tootsie Bashara, lightweight star of the early 30's, is an executive of a beer distributing company in Newport News. . . . Chief Bill Brennan, former professional star of the 30's, later famed coach of the USS Mississippi, is an investigator for the US Navy, at the Norfolk office. . . . . Former KO star Bill Bishop, of the late 20's and 30's, is sales manager of one of Norfolk's leading automobile dealers.

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UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA ROUND-UP
By Clive Cowley

YOUNG TOMMY DU PREEZ (173¾) strengthened his position as No. 1 light-heavyweight contender when he knocked-out tough JAN SCHEEPERS (175) in the fifth of a ten-rounder for the vacant Transvaal light-heavyweight title at the Market Hall, Krugersdorp.

Du Preez was on top right from the start. He piled up the points with his powerful left, which he hooked and jabbed from all angles.

In the fifth stanza, Du Preez threw one of his rare rights. It was a perfectly timed hook to Scheepers' stomach. Jan dropped like a stone and was counted out.

The South African flyweight champion, GERRY JOOSTE (114½), added the Transvaal bantamweight title to his laurels with a clear-cut points decision over "TINY" CORBETT (115¾) in a ten-round fight.

DRIES NIEMANN, the Helsinki Olympic Games Springbok, added another knockout to his string. The victim was a moderate boxer, JIM CORBETT (181), who was stopped in the second round.

Niemann has won six of his nine professional fights by knockouts, two on points and has lost one. He has twice knocked out LOU STRYDOM, former national heavyweight champion, and has stopped GEORGE HUNTER.

"KID" VALENTINE (alias "MANNETJIE" ROUX), 145½, continued his victorious comeback campaign with an easy points win over DON RIGGS (147), a neat but fragile boxer, in a four-rounder.

In his pro debut, BRIAN JOSEPH (160), a boxer to watch, stopped HENRI DANIELLE (164), a Frenchman from Madagascar, in the second stanza.

The West Rand Sporting Club promoted the show.

▶A packed Durban City Hall saw WILLIE TOWEEL (124), South African bantamweight and featherweight champion, outclass Italy's TINO CARDINALE (124¼).

After taking it easy for the first three rounds, Toweel warmed to his task. The ducking, weaving, bobbing Cardinale presented a difficult target. Eventually, however, Toweel's blows took their toll.

The South African carved openings with his left for his deadly short right. After Cardinale had been down twice in the seventh and twice in the eight, the referee called a halt and awarded the fight to Toweel late in the eighth session.

MARCUS TEMPLE (118½) did something that very few South African fighters succeed in doing. In March he was knocked-out by the national flyweight king, GERRY JOOSTE. Now he has come back and avenged that knock-out loss in no uncertain manner.

Boxing beautifully Temple outpointed Jooste (117) by a wide margin in a scientific six-rounder. At long range Temple, using a straight left to advantage, was master. Temple held his own with his opponent in the infighting.

Although he had tough HARRY WALKER (145) down a few times early in the fight, CECIL (COCKY) BREDENKAMP was unable to finish his man. Walker took quite a hiding but he managed to hang on until the end of the fifth round, when he retired from the fight with a badly cut left ear. The rugged Bredenkamp (150) displayed a damaging right.

GARY GORDON (131) outpointed rugged JOHNNY JAMES (135¼) over six action-packed stanzas. He scored knockdowns early in the fight, but could not apply the coup de grace. James formerly fought as JOHNNY VAN BLERK and under that name held a technical knock-out victory over Gordon.

Promoter "TOPPER" BROWN must have been highly pleased with both the performances put up by the boxers and the crowd that turned up.

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Welterweight Ramon Fuentes (right) of Los Angeles scores with a solid right uppercut to the chin of Philadelphia middleweight Gil Turner, during their torrid battle at Madison Square Garden, that ended in a ten round draw.

IOWA-SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS
By Bill Hawkins

OUTDOOR WRESTLING will return to the Soos Ball Park late in August. A major attraction is in the making under the direction of the Siouxland Exhibition Co.

Sailor Burke, Sioux City boxing manager and promoter is making plans to move his headquarters to Fort Dodge, Ia. He is full of plans for bringing some boxing activity back to the Fort Dodge scene. . . . The Sailor is recuperating from a long siege in the hospital. . . . A veteran of 13 years in the ring and 200 fights Burke is one of the very few old timers left in this area. . . . His long experience will certainly be a great help to youngsters around Fort Dodge.

LOUISVILLE, KY, BOXING NEWS
By Joe Martin

LOUISVILLE SENT SIX BOYS to the 67th National Amateur Athletic Union Boxing tournament, in Kansas City and Rudell Stitch, who was in the 147-pound division, went to the finals.

Two of our local pro-boxers went out of town for bouts, Sherman Williams, 162, losing to Joey Giambra, 161, at Austin, Tex., when Referee Tom Attra stopped the fight in the sixth round.

Doug Medley, 131, lost to Ike Chestnut, 130, at Chicago, in an 8-rounder.

IT HAPPENED IN WISCONSIN
By Pinky Mitchell
former World Junior Welterweight Champion

AT THE STATE CAPITOL, Madison, Gov. Walter Kohler, Jr., signed the Boxers insurance bill. The law requires both promoters of professional and amateur boxing shows to insure boxers up to $500 for injury and $2,500 for death.

Promoters Phil Valley and Dr. Jack Gules have been having boxers on their programs insured for the past year and contend that the law was unnecessary because the boxing commission already has the authority to compel promoters to insure boxers if they desire.

NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH
By Broadway Johnny Cox

NO FIGHTER in the history of boxing ever received a welcome here such as was accorded to Frankie Ryff upon his arrival at the airport and following his return to the city. Not even the famous Jack Dempsey and his colorful manager Jack (Doc) Kearns were ever treated like Ryff and his retinue with Blaise D'Antoni, organizer of the Louisiana Boxing Enterprises, Inc., paying all hotel and living expenses of the entire Ryff party which numbered eight in all.

▶Armand Savoie, Montreal, Can., pounded out a split ten round decision over Kid Centella, in the feature ten round bout staged by promoter Heard Ragas at the Coliseum arena.

Savoie was too ringwise for the hard hitting Centella and took the Kid's best shots to carry on and have his soggy right hand hoisted in victory. Referee Francis Kercheval awarded Savoie seven rounds, three for Centella. Judge Eddie "Kid" Wolfe awarded six rounds to Savoie, three rounds to Centella and one even.

Judge Pete Giaruso voted five rounds for Centella, three rounds to Savoie and two sessions even. Savoie scaled 139½, Centella, 138.

Bob Morgan, Algiers, La., former AAU champion turned professional and scored a two round kayo in 2:27 of the second round over Guy Guerrette, Hartford, Conn. Morgan scaled 151½, Guerrette, 152 pounds.

Nolan Duplessis, local stablemate of the Dupas brothers, chalked up a three round tko over Al Horton. Junior Bergeron decisioned Chico Hernandez in a four round junior lightweight battle. Jules Butch scored a four round win over Carlos Saavedra, in a four round featherweight battle. Herbie Rodriguez, was the winner in the opening round over Johnny Gunaldo.

▶Managers, promoters, matchmakers and fans wishing information on the newly formed non profit Louisiana Boxing Enterprises, Inc., which staged the Ralph Dupas-Frankie Ryff ten round fight which drew a modern day gate of $48,430 can contact this correspondent at the DeSoto Hotel, 420 Baronne Street or the Louisiana Boxing Enterprises, Inc., 712 Poydras Street, New Orleans, La.

FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS FROM CHICAGO
By Benny Myers

MARIGOLD GARDENS: Benny Meeks, 137, Chicago, scored a knockout over Don Mason, 137, Milwaukee, in the seventh round. Meeks, who suffered a cut eye in the fifth round, came back to drop Mason twice in the seventh, the second time for the full count. In the co-feature eight-rounder, Russell Tague, 134 Cedar Rapids, and Ronald Bagley, 132, Cleveland, battled to a draw. Marty Feldman, 159, scored a knockout over Morris Moss, 154, Dayton, Ohio, in the 2nd heat. Norman Johnson, 139, Milwaukee, knocked out Ray Jefferson, 138, Chicago, in the fourth.

▶The International Boxing Club featured Bob Satterfield and Archie McBride at the Chicago Stadium in a ten round affair. Satterfield, at 181, was the loser after a hard fight as McBride sharpshooted his way to the victory. McBride used a swift left jab to keep the ever-charging Satterfield at bay and scored with left hooks to the jaw. Satterfield missed more often than he hit, but on occasion hurt McBride with right hand smashes to the head. In other bouts, Carlo Sarlo beat Ronnie Stribling in six fast rounds. George Boddie, 160, Dayton, upset the dope when he punched out the decision in six rounds over Marty Feldman, 155, Chicago. Tom Hickey won over Johnny Hobbs in a lively six spot. Benny Thomas, local heavyweight, stopped Sylvester Armstrong in two heats. The fights drew a crowd of 1,891 who paid a gross gate of $2,730, and was viewed nationally on network television.

▶Ike Chestnut, former New York Golden Gloves champion, made his Chicago debut by scoring a unanimous eight round decision over Doug Medley of Louisville in Marigold Gardens. The bout developed into a sharp boxing exhibition in which the two fought on fairly even terms most of the way. Chestnut weighed 130½ and his opponent 131. Al Johnson, south side welterweight, took a four round decision from Jerry Mortell. Willie Dillon and Isaac Vaughan battled to a six round standstill. Both are welters. Johnny Hobbs beat Robert Swinbourne in five and Frank McGarry whipped Joe Anderson in a four spot.

▶Promoter Irv Schoenwald rematched Benny Thomas and Johnny Gray in an eight round feature at Marigold Arena. Thomas once again carried away the duke after an interesting bout. Gray outboxed Thomas at times but it was the heavy body punching of Thomas that told the story.

Leroy (Steamboat) Cooper, 162, Chicago, took a hairline six round decision from Eddie Simms, 157, Chicago. Simms outboxed his opponent in every round but was floored for an automatic eight count in the fifth round which caught the judges eye. Sam Kelly, 155, Chicago, looked good in beating Jerry Fowler, 156, in five rounds. Lee Moore, 185, and Willie Abrams, 184, battled four tough rounds to a draw. Fitzie Fitzpatrick Jr., 127, won a close four spot from Ivory Thomas, 131.

▶Blackjack Louis Carr, 140½, Chicago, scored his best victory to date taking an eight round verdict from Carl (Killer) Coates, 144, Baltimore, in the feature event at Marigold Gardens. Carr, a sharpshooting kid of only 19 years, floored Coates midway in the bout with a sharp right to the chin. This was the youngster's 11 straight win in as many professional bouts.

In the six round semi-final, Dick Powell, 126, Chicago, won an unpopular decision over Lee Bohles, 126, Cleveland, Ohio. Eddie Jones, 174½, Chicago, won a for round decision over Fonido Cox, 179, St. Louis. Cox was floored in the third round from a right to the chin.

UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES
By Tom Ephrem

IT TOOK EXPERIENCE and some awful good defensive work by Armand Savoie, 139½, to rack up a close 10 round decision over Aldo Mente, 149½, in Promoter Lou Viscusi's headliner at Tampa. Dropping the opening round to the Italian boxer, Armand caught on in the second and edged toward his ultimate goal. On his way there, he shook Mente in the fourth with a straight right and fired away in the sixth, although Aldo hepped the 1250 customers with a two-hand attack of his own in the same chapter. The Miami Italian got in some hefty clouts in the ninth and both had the folks excited in the booming tenth.

Judges Bob Diaz had it 97-94; Sam Klein figured 97-95, and Jacob Solowitz tabbed it 97-96, all for Savoie.

Rocky Gatlin, 183, New Orleans, couldn't hold an early lead from Dave Bondulich, 182, and the latter, earned a draw in their 10 round semi-final. Hector Bacquettes, 129, Tampa, scored a TKO in the fourth over Bunky Frazier, 130, Miami, when Frazier received a cut on his forehead and Dr. Chardkoff had the fight stopped with 18 seconds remaining.

Aman Peck, 153, Tampa, made it four in a row. Reggie Martinez, 144, Mexico, had a bad cut lip and Dr. Chardkoff and Referee Joey Raymond stopped it. Wayne Roberts, 155, Mulberry, won a four from Sonny Hope, 157½, St. Petersburg.

▶If fighters were so evenly matched as Andy Mayfield, 159½, and Gus Rubicini, 158½, such pairings would produce (one) action, (two) headaches for the officials, and (three) heartaches for the losers. This was the formula as Andy and Gus came to grips for the third time at Miami Beach for Promoter Chris Dundee. Getting off to a slow start they wound up in a sure enough battle and Mayfield, a Miamian, skinned out a one point margin in the twelve rounder for his second consecutive victory over the aggressive Rubicini.

The gate was approximately $5,000 from 2,251 fans to see the Temple Emmanuel Men's Club sponsored program.

Bobby Lane stopped Howard Soligny in three. Andy Arel, Philadelphia lightie, TKOed Hector Baquette, 130, in one. Roger Siclare decisioned Johnny Shane and Tom Simonetti whipped Tommy Fields in four.

▶Chico Vejar, 148½, ruling a heavy favorite over Johnny Cesario, 151, lived up to it and won as he pleased over the Hartford veteran in a 10 round main event at Miami Beach. The all-Connecticut headliner drew 2,592 fans, good for $5,869. Vejar, from Stamford, fired punches continuously for 10 rounds in recording his 11th straight triumph. Both lads suffered from accidental butts in the melee.

Chris Dundee promoted.

Andy Arel, 133½, Philadelphia, defeated Billy Morgan, 135, Hialeah, in a sixer. Morgan dropped twice in the first and once in the sixth but made the folks sit up with a knockdown of Arel in the fourth to help in making this bout the best of the night.

A draw was the verdict after six rounds between Ray Reed, 137, Hartford, and Roger Siclare, 137, Pittsburgh. The same happened in four between Bunky Frazier, 130, Washington, D. C., and Bobby Bond, 129, Miami. Jim Pearcy, 174, Miami, TKO'ed Willie Harris, 169, Miami, in two. Tom Simonetti, 165, Hollywood, beat Willie Collins, 161, Chattahoochee, in four.

▶Another walk-away at Miami Beach had Joe Lindsay, 190½, of Brooklyn, soundly whipping Bert Whitehurst, 190, New York, in the 10 round top tilt. Whitehurst was subject to much punishment and several below-the-border shots by Lindsay but he gamely stuck to his guns and tried to fight back the best he could. Bert didn't win a round. The card drew 1,745 fans and a gate of $3,535. Chris Dundee was the promoter.

If Andy Arel, of Philadelphia, continues with his good work, you'll hear much about this 133½ pounder from the Quaker City. Arel scored a beatutiful knockout over capable Roger Siclare, of Pittsburgh, in the fifth round. Andy connected with a lucky left hook to the chin during an exchange and Siclare couldn't quite get himself up in time to beat the count. Aman Peck, 151, Tampa, won in six from Kid Gavilan II, of Havana. Hector Bacquettes, 130, Tampa, whipped Manny Castro, 126. Rip Russell, 137½, and Ray Reed, 141½, Hartford, drew in six.

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

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▶Eight round bouts predominated in the program at historic Ryan's Arena in Fresno, Calif. The contest attracting the most interest had Billy Lanza, 168, Sacramento kayo artist, as the audience magnet. Lanza had been wrecking the hopes of numerous Northern California youngsters as he piled up an impressive series of knockout victories.

But Harvey Taylor, 164, of Long Beach, would not stand still long enough for Lanza to score follow-ups on any of his dangerous wallops. Meanwhile Taylor landed enough punches of his own to garner the eight round decision.

In the final bout, Don Jose, 153, of Stockton, drew with Woody Winslow, 152, of Merced. The third 8 rounder ended in a draw, Davey Lee, 133, of Reno, having the same number of points as Chico Arroya, 132, of Oakland.

In the curtain raiser Bobby Macias, 146, TKO'd Dick Walker, 145, in the fourth.

Al Dermer promoted. Attendance was 1500.

▶Al Nevarez, 132, Juarez, came with a rush in the closing rounds to nab the unanimous verdict over Billy Evans, Pasadena, 129, in the 10-round feature at Ocean Park Arena. It was Nevarez' first main event: his 11th pro fight at Ocean Park, and he has yet to suffer defeat at that club.

In the six-round semi, Jesse Brown, 190, scored a 5-round TKO over Angel Martinez, 192.

The fours: Ernie Fields, 186, TKO (1) over Jerry Younger, 184; Paul Anderson, 162, decisioned Mickey Gamboa, 158; and Franklin Haynes, 178, decisioned Fred Johnson, 180.

▶Jesse Mongia, 122, state bantamweight champ, won the unanimous 10-round decision over Alex Santoy, San Antonio, 116½, at Hollywood Legion Stadium. But he failed to fatten his prestige in the process.

There was no question about the verdict. Referee Dynamite Jackson scored it 58-52; Judges Tommy Hart and Charley Randolph turned in identical cards, 59-51. There were no knockdowns; principal damage was a cut over Santoy's right eye in the third.

In the six-round semi, Henry Taylor, 174, won a split decision over Tiger McHenry, 172.

The fours: Rocky Slater, 153½, decisioned Paul Anderson, 156½; Jess Resendez, 130, TKO (1) over Al Tovar, 130; and Herman Duncan, 123½, decisioned Chico Linderos, 127.

▶Jerry Mullany, who so ably covers the Northern California activities for this column, sends in a report on the first boxing show staged in Redding (Calif.) in many years. Johnny Munro promoted.

Chencho Chavez, 137, San Francisco, TKO (3) over Primo Nancette, 135, Vallejo, in the feature, slated for ten.

Bob Gustin, 160, Reno, decisioned Ed Beatty, 160, Vallejo, in six. Eddie Machen, 192, Redding, KO (3) over Clarence Williams, 190, Los Angeles. Fred Viscara, 118, San Francisco, TKO (2) over Stanford Christy, 124, Reno.

▶At San Jose Civic Auditorium, 1,273 fans saw Bobby Sanders, San Francisco welterweight prospect, take the ten round decision over veteran Archie Whitewater, Indian warrior from Eureka, Calif.

Whitewater had the heaviest artillery, but Sanders landed oftener. Point score was 56 to 54. Poundage: Sanders, 145; Whitewater, 146.

Chencho Chavez, younger brother of lightweight contender Eddie Chavez, was taken off the card pending a boxing commission investigation into his age. State requirement, 18—a local radio broadcaster claimed Chencho was only 16. He already had five bouts as a pro.

Four rounders: Toby Alvarado, 150, dec. Al Jackson, 159; Al Moore, 145, drew with James Howard, 152; Carl Anzalone, 159, stopped Tommy La Brea, 157, in 2; Dave Johnson, 144, dec. Jimmy Jones, 149.

▶Many college students work hard at outside jobs, but Don Jose, sophomore at the College of the Pacific in Stockton, has one of the most rugged extra-curricular occupations. He is a professional boxer, and observers say his fistic career is off to a promising start.

Don's fistic mentors gave him an A on his report card when he defeated rugged veteran Joe Cardenas of Los Angeles in the ten-round attraction at Ryan's gymnasium in Fresno. Don paced himself nicely, and though he absorbed a heavy body beating in the middle rounds, he finished in whirlwind style.

There was no dissent from the crowd as Referee Frank Manfredo raised Jose's hand. Jose weighed 153; Cardenas, 152. Al Dermer promoted the program.

In two six rounders, Dave Wagoner, 149, Oakland, decisioned Frank Quarles, 151, of Stockton, and Art Smith, 135, Fresno, drew with Chico Arroyo, 136, Oakland. The fours: Bobby Macias, 144, dec. Vinnie Hines, 140; Louie Andrade, 160, and Dwight Barringer, 159, draw.

▶Willie Vaughn, state middleweight champ, 165½, was favored at 4-1 over Garth Panter, 163, at Hollywood Legion Stadium—and he won that way. In fact, he won all the way—as far as the fight went.

In the sixth heat, Referee Mushy Callahan decided that the fight was too one-sided and halted hostilities, raising Vaughn's mitt. There were the usual charges of "we wuz jobbed" by Garth's handlers, and they put on quite a theatrical display in the ring.

However, the vast majority of the fans saw eye to eye with Referee Callahan. Vaughn had taken every round, was administering savage punishment; in the fourth, he scored a knockdown.

In the six-round semi, Alfredo Escobar, 124½, former national amateur bantam champ, won the unanimous verdict over Tony Mesa, 125½.

The fours: Bill Filippo, 163½, decisioned Johnny Hayden, 163½.

MINNESOTA NEWS
By Billy Colbert

ST. PAUL AUDITORIUM: Del Flanagan, St. Paul middleweight, won a ten round decision over Al Andrews, St. Paul, in a good fight. The gross gate was $19,750. Each fighter received a $5,000 gaurantee.

Chick Livingston, Winnipeg, 150, decisioned Dick Newell, Minneapolis, 148, in 4 rounds. Jim Hegerle, St. Paul, halted Lonnie Brothers, 155., Winnipeg, 3 rounds.

Vince Donelly, Minneapolis, 210, stopped Hurricane Wells, 196, Chicago, 1 round. Irish Dick Murphy, St. Paul decisioned Frank White, Winnipeg, 138, four rounds.

▶Minneapolis Auditorium: Danny Davis, Minneapolis lightweight, won a unanimous 12 round decision over Glen Flanagan, St. Paul, to win the Minnesota lightweight title. The gate was around $4000.

BUFFALO, N. Y.
By Hugh Shannon

THE BOXING GAME came back with a roar in Memorial Auditorium with Buffalo's adopted son—Paul Andrews, fighting his first battle here. Paul, 185½, handily outpointed Jimmy Slade, 182¼, in a hard fought ten round contest. Andrews was out in front in seven of the ten rounds but on several occasions hard punches dished out by Jimmy had Paul on wobbly legs.

About 7,000 fans paid a $14,000 gross to watch a well-balanced card of bouts.

Mario Calandra, 153, Buffalo, stopped Eddie Reynolds, 148, Syracuse, three rounds; Ike Thomas, 197½, Minneapolis, won six round decision over Sam Jackson, 182, Buffalo; Buddy Jackson, 146½, Springville, New York and Juan Tejada, 153¼, Clark Mills, N. Y. boxed a draw; Mike Pinelli, 142¼, won over Gene Tortice, 144, four rounds; Dominick La Rosa, 132¼, and Lou Baldesano, 127½, went four rounds to a draw.

BOXING IN MONTANA AND THE NORTHWEST
By Bo "Bow Tie" Grmoljez

THE NEXT BOXING CARD in Butte under the auspices of the American Legion Silver Bow Post No. 1, will be held Thursday night July 21st.

Only two local boys are active in Butte let alone the whole state of Montana but these lads, Eddie Lockett, Butte featherweight and Ray Martinez, mining city welterweight, are showing the way and it is expected that this fall, more youngsters will become interested in the business of fighting for pay. In fifteen starts, Lockett has dropped but three decisions while Martinez has yet to be defeated in seven outings.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA AND EASTERN OHIO
By Albert M. (Al) Wolgast

JOHNNY EUBANKS, 141, Pittsburgh, decisioned Glen Flanagan, 135, of St. Paul, Minn., in a ten round co-feature. In the other scheduled ten, Moses Ward, 170, of Detroit, won by a knockout at 2:36 of the second round over Jimmy Welch, 169, of Columbus, Ohio.

Jimmy Grover, 162, beat Tony Filipiak, 169, Pittsburgh, in six. Skeets Starkey, 173, Cumberland, Md., stopped Art Everett, 177, Pittsburgh, in the fourth round.

Johnny Salkeld, 141, Vancouver, B. C., scored a knockout over Mickey Zezza, 139, Rankin, Pa., in the third round. The show grossed $4,417.

EUROPEAN GOSSIP

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▶ Marseilles, France. Louis Trochon, recent conqueror of Mickel Laurent, added Emile Delmine to his list of victims, shattering the Belgian in the seventh of a hard middles slam. Moustique Meslem stopped Jean Remorini in the fifth of one feathers affair and Tringa stopped Jacques Delplace in the fifth of another.

▶ Barcelona, Spain. Fred Galiana successfully defended his lightweight crown against Carmelo Beraza, stopping his gallant challenger in the tenth frame. This was Fred's ninth straight win before the limit this year. A few days previously, Ben Buker II continued his progress by stopping Victoriano Olivares in the ninth of a welter duel.

▶ Courtrai, Belgium. Marcel Limage repelled the third challenger for his cruiser title, the modest Victor Vicky, who was outclassed but succeeded in lasting the limit.

▶ Turin, Italy. Mario D'Agata returned with a bang after his long layoff, pounding the game Guadeloupe Negro, Arthur Emboulá, until the fight was halted in the eighth round. Stanis Pasek, the durable Franco-Polish middle, drew with Mario Savoldi over eight and Guido Mazzinghi whipped blond Roger Atlan, a French middle hailing from North Africa, also over eight.

TEXAS BOXING NEWS

By Harlan Haas

PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS, Kaycee Boxing Club: Jackie Blair, 133, Dallas, was the winner by a tkayo over the fast punching George Easterling, 133, Port Arthur, after eight rounds of furious action. Both boys were cut about the eyes.

Lamoine "Babe" Vance, 146, Quinland, hammered out an eight round win over Lloyd Nelson, 151, Houston. Charles Beasley, 140, Houston, stopped J. W. "Kid" Henry, 135, Orange, in the fifth round. Al Boudreaux, 145, Westwego, La., looked sharp in trimming Frenchy Labouve, 145, Port Arthur. Bobby Jones, 153, Houston, stopped the heavier Alvin Frederick, 160, Port Neches, in the second.

▶ Galveston, Texas, Phil Flake, Promoter:—In one of the great fights seen in many moons, Eddie Bertolino, 137, Galveston's smooth boxing Italian, drew in ten with Ray Riojas, 134, Ft. Worth's baby bomber.

Ray Powell, 130, Aliquippa, Pa., decisioned Henry Luera, 125, Houston. Another six, between Roy Harris, 181, Cut and Shoot, and I. H. "Sporty" Harvey, 196, San Antonio, went to the former four time. G. G. champ, Roy Harris. In fours, Roger Deschaine (Guy Guerrette), 151, Hartford, Conn., won a barroom brawl from "Rowdy" Al Horton, 154, Sylacauga, Ala., and Marcus Bryant, 151, Galveston, got the duke over George Steele, 151, San Antonio.

▶ Austin, Texas, L. B. Day, Promoter:—Buffalo's gift to boxing, Joey Giambra, 162, now soldiering for Uncle Sam at Ft. Hood, halted Sherwin Williams, 162, in six.

Mel Barker, 148, Austin, continues to win, and this time old Rowdy Al, last name of Horton, 151, Sylacauga, was the victim. The eight rounder was halted in the seventh. Johnny Ramos, 130, Austin, kayoed Eddie Williby, 130, Galveston, in two. Timmie Dundee, 165, Austin, defeated Tommy Smith, 172, Galveston, in four, and Gil de la Garza, 160, San Antonio, beat Robert Ramirez, 163, San Antonio, in another four.

▶ Beaumont, Texas, W. W. Farris, Promoter:—Paul Jorgensen, 128, has bowled over another one. This time Mike Turcot, 130, of New Orleans was the unfortunate one, winning a ten round decision.

Buddy Turman, 180, Tyler, stopped Leroy Failes, 175, Dallas, in the fourth round of the semi-final. Stanley Jones, 157, Houston, bombed the veteran Howell Steen, 158, Dallas, into submission after five rounds of battling. Steen, a veteran campaigner, suffered a couple of caved in ribs. In another six, Charles Beasley, 138, hammered out a convincing win over Carlos Saavedra, 134, New Orleans. Tony Masciarelli, 159, Bronx, N. Y., won a wild six rounder from John Victor Penn, 159, Houston.

▶ Dallas, Texas:—Promoter Lew Gray flew Tiger Ted Lowry, 182, in from the East Coast to test young Bobby Spaeth, 180, in a ten round heavyweight battle. Spaeth followed up his kayo victory over Oscar Pharo by getting the nod over durable Tiger Ted.

Tino "The Bull" Longoria, 156, Houston, is still going strong and won an eight rounder from less experienced Tommy Barron, 160, Dallas. Babe Vance, 148, Quinland, won over Eduardo "Chato" Duarte, 143, Mexico, in a six. Henry Johnson, 148, Dallas, stopped Guy Guerrette, 150, Hartford, in the fifth, and Sam Poag, 160, Dallas, iced Johnny Wheatley, 162, Dallas in the second.

▶ El Paso, Texas, Jimmy Erwin, Promoter:—Sonny Gill, 157, Los Angeles, was a big hit in El Paso, taking the measure of the veteran Eusebio "Chebo" Hernandez, 157, in a ten round war.

Jose Reyes, 130, beat Oscar Price, 136, in six. Lorenzo Alonzo, 149, came out even with Manuel "El Torro" Rocha, 146, in six. Justino Zamora, 120, beat Ramon Sosa, 122, in four. Gilberto Holguin, 150, decisioned Pedro Rodriguez, 142, and Florentino A. Subia, 146, defeated Antonio Luna, 146, on fours.

▶ San Antonio, Texas, Tony Padilla, Promoter:—The largest crowd of the year was on hand when close to 5,000 paid $16,075 to see Raul "Raton" Macias, 121, kayo Baby Moe Mario, 120. The end came in the fifth round. Mario threw lots of leather but found Macias an elusive target.

Mel Barker, 147, Austin, won a gruelling six round battle from Chato Duarte, 148, Mexico. Danny Cardenas, 143, San Antonio, hammered out a good win over elongated Babe Vance, 148, Quinland, in six. Eloy Vann, 167, San Antonio, stopped Timmie Dundee, 165, in three, while Johnny Ramos, 128, Austin, a good prospect, beat Mickey Ariaza, 122, Mexico, in five rounds.

▶ Corpus Christi, Texas, Benny Lozano, Promoter:—Burly I. H. "Sport" Harvey, 192, got back into the win column by posting a tkayo over big Don Tucker, 210, after nine rounds banging.

Mickey Ariaza, 123, Mexico, edged Pete Carrizales, 132, Corpus Christi, in a thriller after six rounds. Henry Barrientos, 130, iced Buck Garrett, 134, in the fourth. Andrew Villareal, 151, stopped Margarito Garcia, 154, in the second. Pat Brown, 133, fighting out of Victoria, got the duke over Raul Guerrero, 142, in the four round opener.

▶ Galveston, Texas, Phil Flake, Promoter:—Bolden Abrams, 134, came back to the Isle City with manager, Frankie Green, and for the second time won a close one over aggressive Cesar Saavedra, 133.

Norris Burse, 159, the classy young Negro from Robstown, ended the comeback aspirations for the Bronx's Tony Masciarelli, 163, by dropping him three times and halting him in the seventh. The club fighting New Yorker suffered a broken jaw. Referee Jimmy Webb, former ranking lightheavy, donated his purse to Masciarelli. J. W. Henry, 132, Orange, banged his way to a win over Ray Powell, 134, Aliquippa, Pa. in six rounds. Dan Cira, 152, Orange Navy Base, fought to a spectacular four round draw with Marchus Bryant, 149, Galveston.

▶ Austin, Texas, L. B. Day, Promoter:—Mel Barker, 146, the Manor Mauler, outhustled Danny Cardenas, 139, to capture a ten rounder. It marked the popular youngster's first ten round attempt, and he passed all test with flying colors.

Val Luna, 139, Austin, won a unanimous six round decision from Johnny Guebera, 139, Austin. Johnny Ramos, 127, Austin, kayoed Gil Tapia, 133, San Antonio, in the fourth. Timmie Dundee, 165, Austin, beat Gil de la Garza, 158, San Antonio, in a four, while Joe Govea, 127, San Antonio, kayoed Johnny Gaitan, 127, Austin, in the third, with the latter missing the count.

▶ Odessa, Texas, Valdez, Promoter:—Odessa had its first professional fight show in several years with William "Red" Worley, 180, getting a ten round decision over the busy San Antonio Negro, I. H. "Sport" Harvey, 195.

Norris Burse, 159, Robstown, required but one round to stiffen Guy Guerrette, 150, Hartford. Chato Duarte, 148, Mexico, scored a six round tkayo over Al Horton, 151, Sylacauga. Tobe Harris, 169, Cut and Shoot, stopped Neil Butler, out of New Mexico, in the sixth round. Ronnie Walcott, 135, San Angelo, last year's TAAF champ, turned pro and won a four round decision over Reuben Munoz, 137, Odessa.

▶ Beaumont, Texas, W. W. Farris, Promoter:—Paul Jorgensen, 128, did it again. This evening, Owen Romero, 127, a good young prospect from Algiers, La., was blasted out of the picture in the seventh round.

In the six round semi-windup, Tino "The Bull" Longoria, 155, Houston, had little difficulty with Robert Martinez, 155, rugged Alamo City Mexican, and was a unanimous choice. J. W. "Kid" Henry, 134, Orange, won a riotious affair over hard hitting schoolboy, Bobby Flores, 135, Houston, after six hotly contested rounds. Bobby Morgan, 149, New Orleans, former amateur champ, stopped Alphonso "Chico" Lara, 151, Galveston, in three. Lorenzo Hainsworth, 136, kayoed the Galveston night club singer, Eddie Williby, 132, in the opening round.

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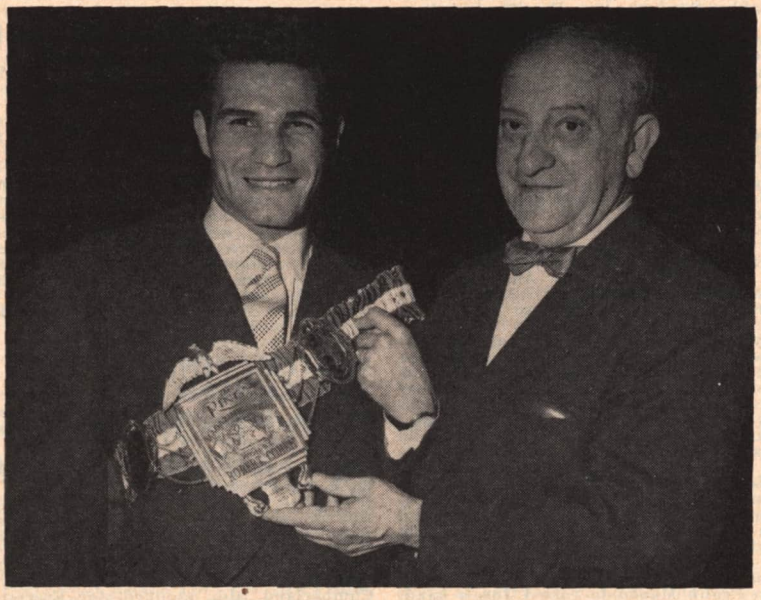


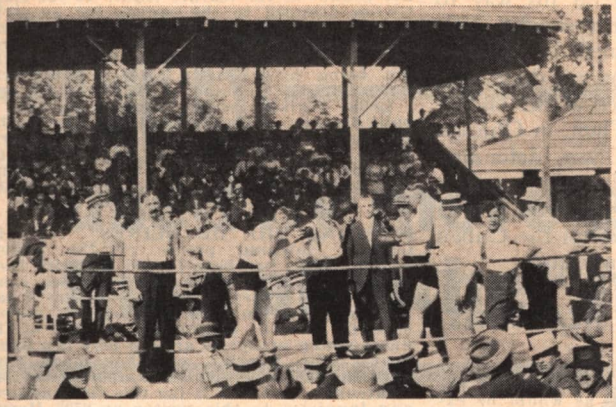
Nat Fleischer (right), publisher of The Ring, while on tour in Europe presents The Ring championship belt to Robert Cohen, world bantamweight titleholder, in Paris, France.

IN SYRACUSE RINGS

By Billy Shaw

CARMEN BASILIO is the welterweight champion of the world! Canastota's favorite son and the idol of Syracuse and Central New York, won the title by scoring a 12 round technical knockout over Tough Tony DeMarco of Boston, defending champion, before a sellout crowd in War Memorial Auditorium.

Bob Biehler, 177½, Rochester, knocked out Sammy Jackson, 179½, Syracuse, (2); Mike DeJohn, 199½, outpointed Mose Graham, 197, Buffalo, (6); George Kartalian, 176, Syracuse, decisioned Dave Hamilton, 175¼, DeKalb Junction, (4); Buddy Jackson, 144½, Springville, drew with Juan Tejada, 150, Barcelona, Spain, (6); Lee Owens, 165, Syracuse, drew with Vern Stevenson, 162, Ogdensburg, (4); Tony Percy, Drummondsville, Ont. outpointed Irv Steen, New York, (4).



Jess Willard (right) squaring off with Al Williams before their "White Hope" battle in Reno on July 4, 1913. Boxing still flourishes in the Nevada metropolis, with fights being held on the same site where Willard fought Williams and, three years before, Jim Jeffries trained for his ill-fated meeting with Jack Johnson.

A HOT FIGHT TOWN

FOR a city whose population is hardly more than that of a suburban community in one of the nation's bustling metropolitan areas—at last count the total was 44,000—Reno, Nevada, certainly doesn't lack for big-time entertainment and excitement. Although it has become noted mainly as a center for quick divorces, the "Biggest Little City in the World," as it proudly calls itself, offers a steady schedule of sporting and other diversional programs for the local citizens and transient vistors.

For nearly a half-century boxing has ranked high on the city's sports calendar. It was there, on July 4, 1910, that the Jack Johnson-Jim Jeffries bout was staged by Tex Rickard. Through the years, such other important battles as Max Baer vs. Paulino Uzcudun and Baer vs. King Levinsky were held in Reno.

During the dizzy "White Hope" era, the city fairly thrived with bouts between ambitious young heavyweights eager for the chance to knock Johnson off the heavyweight throne. The accompanying photograph is of the White Hope who eventually did beat Johnson—Jess Willard—as he squared off with Al Williams before their July 4, 1913 meeting in Reno.

Early in his career, as a preliminary boy, Jack Dempsey appeared several times in Reno rings.

On the same site where Jeffries trained for Johnson, and Willard stopped Williams, boxing continues to hold forth. It is in the Moana Ball Park, where a recent card saw a local heavyweight, Howie King, score fourteen knockdowns while battering out a ten-round decision over Hans Friedrich of Germany.

Despite its limited population, Reno is well represented by hometown ring talent. Although he bills himself out of Oakland, Cal., world-ranking middleweight Bobby Jones is one of Reno's many entries. Others include heavyweight Jimmy Jackson; light-heavyweight Edison Davis; middleweights Cordell Jones, Bernie Giron, Phelan Thompson, Tiger Al Jackson, Alvin Payne, Billy Lanza, Bob Gustin and Willie Stevens; welterweights Floyd Sampson, Joe Murphy and Rusty O'Brien; lightweights Wild Bill Elliott, Russell Davis and Dave Brown; featherweights Stanley Davis, Paul Williams and Stanford Christy, and bantamweight Baby Moe Mario.

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treatment. Perhaps the most notable failures have been Georges Carpentier against Jack Dempsey in Jersey City in 1921, John Henry Lewis against Joe Louis in Madison Square Garden in 1939, and Billy Conn against Louis at the Polo Grounds in 1941.

One of the most furious brawls between champions in New York was the one in which middleweight Harry Greb retained his title by outslugging welterweight Mickey Walker in the Yankee Stadium 1925. Walker eventually did become middleweight champion, and in 1929 he bid for the light-heavy title, but was outpointed by Tommy Loughran in Chicago.

Although no title was involved in either bout, featherweight champion Abe Attell figured in a couple of interesting affairs with lightweight headliners in 1908. Abe was a cocky sort, and didn't think much of the lightweight crop. He challenged Battling Nelson, then rated Champion Joe Gans' No. 1 rival. The bout was staged in San Francisco, and Attell did well enough against his heavier rival to get a draw in fifteen rounds. In his next start, in fifteen rounds. In his next start, Nelson relieved Gans of the title, and Attell promptly challenged him again, this time for the championship. To force the issue, Abe decided to take on the one fighter Nelson had been studiously avoiding, Freddie Welsh, the clever Britisher. The bout was set for Los Angeles—and when Welsh was finished with Attell, Abe promptly ditched his lightweight ambitions, and decided to remain in his own class. Welsh, who eventually became lightweight champion, not only was as fast and clever as Attell, but his advantages in weight and strength were too much for Abe. The featherweight king was beaten decisively in fifteen rounds.

The "big" men were winners in the last two major "handicap" matches. In the first, held in Yankee Stadium three years ago, middleweight champion Ray Robinson seemed well on his way to acquiring the light-heavyweight title when he was overhauled by the intense heat and Joey Maxim's durability. Exhausted, Ray collapsed at the end of the thirteenth round. Then, in Chicago early in 1954, Bobo Olson, defending his middleweight laurels against welterweight title-holder Kid Gavilan, proved too strong and persistent for the Cuban and won easily in fifteen rounds.

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MICHIGAN FISTIC HEADLINES

By Jack J. Waina

THE OLD SAYING, "Two good hands are better than one", held true as would be expected when Allan Kennedy, 147, Bay City, decisioned Al Berry, 146¾, Columbus, in a mauling six rounder at the MCA before 805 paying onlookers. Berry stayed atop of Kennedy all the way, relying solely upon the ability of his left hand. But by showing his adversary how to utilize both mitts, Allan was able to score easily for his 22nd victory in 27 starts.

Gordon Wallace, the former Canadian light-heavyweight champion from Brantford, Ontario, returned to edge out Hammering Henry Hank, of Detroit, on a split decision after six rounds. Still another six, found Leffie Walker, 161¼, Saginaw, continuing his winning ways by repeating an earlier win over Larry Boaz, 159½, Detroit. Joe Gray, 162, Detroit, won over Willie Barnes, 163¼, Detroit, in a four.

▶Meeting for the third time in their short careers, Detroiter's John Riggins, 173½, Detroit, and William Hunter, 175½, put on a slugging bee before 967 fans at the MCA, for six solid rounds before Riggins was awarded a unanimous decision to run his undefeated streak to eight straight.

The other six found John L. Parry, 147, Detroit, scoring his fifth straight, over Ted Tanglis, 150, Cleveland.

Jack King, 171, Massillon, TKO'ed often beaten Bill Clemmons, 173, Detroit. Pleas Gilmore, Toledo featherweight, halted Napoleon Ludy, in the third, and Dunn Dixon, 144, Detroit, defeated Lupe Soto, 140, in the fourth.

▶Masterful little Willie Pep, 128¾, Hartford, Conn., the former great featherweight champion, gave youthful Gil Cadilli, 126½, Los Angeles, Calif., a sweet boxing lesson at the Olympia Stadium, before a sparse gathering of only 774 fans who paid $883. The bout was nationally televised.

Aside from an uppercut which Pep ducked into during the first round, Willie had such complete command of the contest that Cadilli didn't even threaten. Referee Jackie Swartz scored it 100-81, judges Andy (Kid) Brown and Joe Greenberg, 99-87 and 98-87 respectively.

Another tenner found Eddie Smith, 161½, Detroit, thoroughly whipping Bobby Moore, 165¾, Newark, N. J., for the duke.

Raul "Chili Bean" Prado, 133, Detroit, scored his second comeback win, a crowd pleasing three round knockout over Jimmy Sparks, 139, Detroit. Ted Wright, 148½, Detroit, halted Joe Martino, 152½, Altoona, Pa., in two rounds and Frankie Flaggs, 139½, Detroit, outpointed Frank Sak, 144½, Detroit, in four.

▶A strong finish by Tommy Corrick, 138¾, Toronto, Ontario, against Dick Ramizetti, 132, Detroit, at the MCA just fell short, and the latter was awarded a disputed split decision over six rounds. The tussle had been pretty even for four rounds, then Corrick closed fast and had Ramizetti hanging on at the final bell. It was Dick's 14th victory in a row, but the crowd of 1,141 fans showed their disapproval of the decision with a loud barrage of booing.

Jimmy Perrault, 155, St. Paul, Minn., fought a clever defensive battle against southpaw Gene Linscott, 154½, Pontiac, but failed to show any offensive threats at all in losing a one sided decision in the six round co-feature.

Joe Gray, 160¾, Detroit, defeated Dick Mackert, 159½, Columbus, Ohio, in five; Napoleon Ludy, 135, Detroit, TKO'd Luke Wooten, 134, Toledo, in three; and Jesse Coulter, 143¾, bested Lupe Soto, 140, Monroe, in four.

▶Clarence "Duke" Harris, 147½, Hamtramck, returned to action for the first time in three months and scored an odd KO over Rudy Gwinn, 147¾, Cleveland, in the seventh round at the MCA. A crowd of 856 fans watched Gwinn go to work early on Harris, outpunching his opponent to take the first five rounds of the feature eight. In the sixth Gwinn dropped to the canvas for an eight count. Three times in the seventh Gwinn went down, twice referee Tom Briscoe refused to count when Rudy went down without being hit. Finally after a third trip down, Briscoe counted the Clevelander out.

Leffie Walker, 160¼, Saginaw, gained a split decision and his second win over Bobby Evans, 157½, Detroit, in five; Al Berry, 148½, Columbus, Ohio, upset Saginaw's blond bomber, Sammy Piliarik, 153¼, in a four; and Eddie Lee Walker, 186¾, Detroit, halted Dick Mays, 177½, Detroit, in the fourth.

▶BEHIND THE HEADLINES . . . Allie Gronik, clowning prince of the welterweights here, has been forced to retire from the game just when he was getting some pretty good money shots. Gronik has a bad nervous condition whic has made it impossible for him to continue. . . . One of the finest young prospects around here is a light-heavy John Riggins, who has made some name for himself while competing in the amateurs. . . . About it for this time, address any inquiries to this writer at 8799 Homer Avenue, Detroit 9, Mich.

SPOKANE NEWS

By Jack Powers . .

SPOKANE COLISEUM:—Bobby Woods rallied in the late rounds to slug his way to a decision over dead game Rocky Randell of Tampa, Fla., in a torrid go that had the 2,500 customers roaring.

Bob Milne and Irish Freddy Burris put on as hectic a two rounds with both on the deck and Milne apparently on the way out. It ended in a TKO win for Milne at the end of the second round when the doctor halted it. In the second four rounder in the heavyweight division, Gordon Gladsen, Pullman, Wash., National Amateur 178-pound champion, fell far short of advance notices when novice 180-pound Speedy Weems, Portland, got off the deck from a first round knockdown to give Gladsen all the fight he wanted and lose a split decision to the highly touted Pullman scrapper.

In the six round special event, Willard Battling Nelson, Portland lightweight, scored a very narrow split decision over veteran Teddy Hall of Seattle. In the semi-final, Amos Lincoln, 184, belted out game, but outgunned Gus Bruno, 174, Edmonton, in a hectic first round.

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WASHINGTON D. C. CAPERS

By Mike Geary

AN EXCEPTIONALLY slow month locally saw the only headliner to be a ten round featherweight affair between veteran Jimmy Cooper and Harold Smith, at Turner's Arena. Smith was dropped in 1:07 of the ninth and the referee stopped the contest. Earlier in the first and particularly in the seventh, the crowd was calling for the fight to be stopped when Smith had Cooper laying on the ropes and putting up no defense whatsoever.

WEST VIRGINIA WALLOPS

By Mickey Davies

Charleston—A terrific tiff between localites Basil Marie, 140, and Ronnie Harper, 144, resulted in a victory for Marie by unanimous decision in ten action-packed rounds.

Ronnie Withers, 152, Portsmouth, stopped Harry White, 152, Highcoal, in three. Mel Madison, 135, Bluefield, beat Luther Crider, 138, Highcoal, six. Young Byington, 142, Gallipolis, edged Tandy Asbury, 142, Charleston, four.

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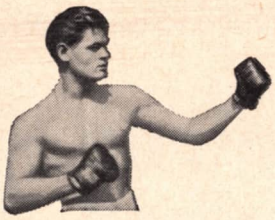

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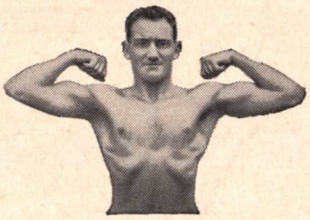

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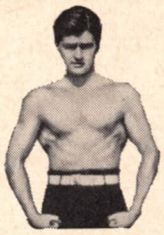

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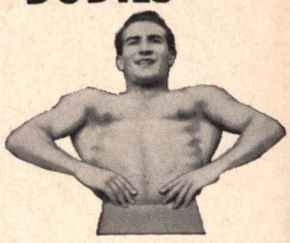

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